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SPRIT OF ROSIE LIVES ON AS FINAL FUNDRAISING WALK TAKES PLACE



Karen and Sean Ross during the last Rosie's Walk event

'HER spirit lives on within us and by helping so many others as well' – the words of the mother of Rosie Ross as 400 people took part in a charity walk in memory of the teenager who was stabbed to death.

This year marked the last year of the annual event, called Rosie's Walk, which has been held at the Aldridge Old Airport in Bosty Lane in aid of the Rosie's Helping Hands charity.

The charity is dedicated to the life of Rosie Ross, who was killed, aged 16, while on a shopping trip with a friend in Birmingham in 2001. The walk is the largest fundraising event organised by the charity and was set up by Rosie's parents Karen and Sean Ross, from Aldridge, in 2002.

Mr and Mrs Ross said that they did not want the event to go on any longer than that of Rosie's life. The charity has raised money for a number of good causes in Walsall and other areas of the West Midlands and sees many people go on either a one or three mile walk.

Karen, 55, and Sean, 57, originally set up the walk as a one-off fundraiser to buy some equipment for the A&E department at Birmingham's City Hospital where Rosie was taken after she was fatally stabbed.

Karen, aged 55, said: "We never thought the walk would get this big. When we first started it was only for a year as a one-off thing."

"We have had fantastic weather and a

great turnout, so it is lovely to be able to finish on a high like this.

"It is of course very emotional too. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past 15 years as we could not have done it without them.

"Rosie's spirit lives on within us and by helping so many others as well."

Walkers were encouraged to wear flowers in their hair during the trek in memory of what Rosie wore the last time she left home.

John Frajcher, a family friend who was taking part in the three mile walk, added: "Today is quite poignant but I know that people will still continue to donate to the charity and that way Rosie will always be remembered."

SPORT

Dunn's in a daze to fulfil Olympic dream

FROM watching Sydney 2000 to being part of Team GB in 2016, Jarryd Dunn's Olympic dreams have finally become a reality.

The Birchfield Harrier and University of Wolverhampton sports science graduate is part of Team GB's 4x400m squad heading to Rio next month, after helping them to a bronze medal at the World Championships in Beijing last year.

"It's a little bit surreal," said the 24-year-old of Brownhills. "I can recall watching bits of Sydney 2000 when I was eight. Here we are, 16 years later and I'm going to be a member of Team GB."



Jarryd Dunn

DEVELOPMENT

Education boost cash in question

COUNCIL bosses will be quizzed this week regarding a delay in spending section 106 money earmarked for education improvements

Plans to build 18 apartments and 51 houses at the former Heston and Granby site on Stafford Road, Wednesbury, were approved in 2007 with a condition developers make a section 106 contribution towards secondary education, which has not been made.

Councillor Allah Ditta will ask what the latest situation with the money is at a full council meeting this week.

CARE

Inadequate rated homes shut down

TWO care homes for people with autism and learning disabilities in Brownhills have been shut down. The Bungalow and Ferndale care homes, run by Chase Community Homes and located on Short Street and Church Road respectively, were both rated inadequate by CQC inspectors and banned from providing care.

Chase Community Homes has since shut down both buildings and put them up for sale. Overall both homes were rated inadequate for their safety, effectiveness, responsiveness and leadership. Inspectors said their level of caring required improvement.

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M'WAY CHAOS AS LORRY TIPS OVER

A LORRY which overturned and spilled diesel on the M6 caused major delays for drivers as Highways England closed three lanes to carry out emergency repairs.

Drivers faced 'severe' delays northbound between junctions 10, for Walsall, and 13, for Stafford, after three lanes were closed on Monday following the diesel spillage, which was caused after the lorry overturned and shed its load of metal at around 7.30am, damaging four cars in the process.

The overturned lorry led to the driver being reported for driving a vehicle in a dangerous condition.

The diesel spillage led to Highways England having to close three lanes between junction 12, for Cannock, and 13.

The delays were so severe they stretched back to junction 10 – some 13 miles away. More than 100 litres of diesel was spilt across 200 metres of carriageway, making it 'unsafe for road users', according to Highways England bosses. Despite the incident happening at 7.30am, the three lanes between junctions 12 and 13 were still closed at 9pm, as Highways England had to clean up the surface.

Consultation

Meanwhile, final layout plans for a £65 million overhaul at Junction 10 of the M6 will be decided over the coming months following a public consultation.

In December last year Walsall Council and Highways England invited businesses, residents and road users to public events across the borough to find out more about the proposals for the redesign and reconstruction of M6 Junction 10, which is aimed at tackling congestion.

Of the more than 200 respondents who took part in the survey, 92 per cent were in support of the scheme, but with no overall preferred option for one of the

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two major designs. The £65m project will also see improvements to the A454 Black Country Route and the nearby junction of Wolverhampton Road, Bloxwich Lane and Tempus Drive.

The two preferred options put forward to improve the junction will see the demolition of the existing bridges alongside the construction of either two new straight four lane bridges or two new curved four lane bridges. The council and Highways England will now work together to develop a final design option to improve the junction.

That final option will be selected and then announced in the autumn.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, portfolio holder for transport and regeneration said: "The consultation shows there is overwhelming support for something to be done at this junction."

"The original junction is now decades old and in order to cope better with today's traffic volumes it really needs to be rebuilt so that we can reduce congestion and improve safety."

The project aims to cut congestion on the A454 Black Country Route east-bound, and roads such as the A454 Wolverhampton Road, B4464 Wolverhampton Road West and Bloxwich Lane. Bridges over the M6 will be replaced.

Putting college life in the frame



Left, Emily Venables, aged 16, of Cannock, with art and design lecturer Natalie Ali, of Lichfield, at the college

HUNDREDS of students starting college courses in September attended a series of introduction days to get a glimpse of college life.

The welcome events at Walsall College, which took place at the Wisemore campus and Business and Sports Hub, were designed to give students the opportunity to find out more about the range of activities they can take part in along-

side their courses at the college.

The college's Students' Union, finance, work experience and volunteering teams were on hand with advice for potential students. They also offered advice on the different ways they can make the most of their time at the college, including boosting their CVs and signing up to different clubs. Emily Venables, enrolling on to the level two media

make-up course in September, attended the event. She said: "I'm really looking forward to joining the college as I've heard a lot of good things from friends that are here and the facilities for my course are fantastic."

Places are still available on a number of courses starting in September. For details or to apply, visit www.walsallcollege.ac.uk



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Singer Beth, 15, climbs up the charts



Beth Ford, with her first LP

A SCHOOLGIRL singer who found success on the internet has shot up the Amazon album chart – just behind Adele.

Beth Ford, from Bloxwich, has also reached number one in the online giant's Movers and Shakers chart. Her debut EP, *The Voyage*, released last Wednesday, includes her first self-penned song as the title track.

The 15-year-old Walsall Academy pupil said she was 'immensely proud.' One music blogger described it as 'grandly imagined and gloriously sung'. Last year she sent the internet into meltdown when an amateur video of her singing Pie Jesu in an empty church went viral in America, attracting more than 45,000 hits.

The publicity led to an invitation to sing a duet with Michael Boe, elder brother of the people's tenor Alfie, on his album *Along The Way*.

When the recording was released online last October, demand was so high that the website crashed for several hours. The pair sang Ralph McTell's *Streets of London* together.

In July she released her debut single

If I Could Escape, which reached number 3 in an iTunes new releases chart.

Her father, Walsall solicitor Nigel Ford, described her latest success as 'surreal.' He added: "At one stage she was on the same level in the charts as Lionel Ritchie and Abba but she is very grounded and self-deprecating about it all." Beth herself tweeted: 'Just in case I ever thought of being big headed, I'm number 7,060 in the Amazon US chart.'

Beth, part of Walsall Council's Gifted and Talented scheme, sings with Walsall Youth Choir at the Forest Arts Centre.

Anger after medics are attacked in incidents

A PATIENT allegedly threatened two paramedics who came to his aid with a 12-inch knife in the Black Country, the region's ambulance service has revealed.

It happened last Tuesday when an ambulance was called to an address in Portobello at 8.30pm. The 30-year-old patient allegedly threatened two paramedics inside the vehicle with the knife.

Police officers attended and arrested the man on suspicion of affray and possession of cannabis.

It happened on the same day a paramedic, called Amy, was assaulted after attending a call to reports of an unconscious man on Hagley Road in Harborne at 9am.

The service said as two paramedics attempted to move the patient, aged in his 20s, into the back of the ambulance, he lashed out.

Amy suffered a fractured wrist, the other unnamed male paramedic suffered knee and back injuries.

It resulted in another ambulance needing to be called to escort their colleagues to Birmingham City Hospital.

The injuries sustained by the male paramedic means he will also be prevented from treating other patients for a while.

A 22-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of two counts of assault.

Posting a photograph of the broken wrist sustained by one of their paramedics on their Facebook page, an ambulance service spokesman said: "It's enough to make your blood boil. This is Amy's broken wrist."

Tributes paid to brave newly-wed Stacey, 27

TRIBUTES have been paid to a mother-of-four who after getting married just three weeks ago, sadly died from cancer last Thursday.

Tragically Stacey Morris passed away on her new husband Gavin Stanley's 28th birthday, and now the family are uniting to care for the couple's four young sons.



Mr and Mrs Stanley

Stacey died aged just 27 surrounded by family at her home on Old Park Road in Wednesbury at 9.15am.

As soon as they heard the news, her friends and loved ones gathered at the property to support Stacey's family and pay their respects, with many giving heartfelt tributes.

They are all in awe of how strong Stacey remained throughout her battle with cancer, after first being diagnosed back in November 2014. Her mother Debbie Morris said: "She was so brave, even through all of the radiotherapy, and the chemo and the mastectomy. She would tell me off if I cried. I don't know where she got her strength from."

Stacey's grandmother Hilary Morris, known jokingly to the family as 'Nanna Dragon', said: "Stacey was beautiful, loving, kind. She was my first granddaughter, and I loved her. I've never known anybody with so much strength. She went through all that and still had a sense of humour."

Her father Dean Nightingale said: "She was the strongest girl I've ever known. A true fighter, all the way to the very end." The family were also touched to receive a message of condolence from Stacey's idol Gareth Gates, who she met after efforts by friends and who also sent her a video wishing her well on her wedding day at St Bartholemew's Church in Wednesbury on June 25.

Charity Stacey's Journey was set up to help support the family, with further details of how you can help available through its Facebook page at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Staceys-Journey-362479780596277/>

Passage of time not good for alleyway



Butlers Passage, Walsall, which had hundreds of thousands of pounds spent on revamping it is now full of graffiti

GRAFFITI, faded paintwork and the unmistakable smell of urine – that is the sorry state of a town centre alleyway that had a half a million pound arty makeover.

Butlers Passage has been the butt of many jokes since £525,366 was spent on revamping it in 2004 with many questioning whether the staggering sum of money was too much to spend on such a small area.

But since, the walkway which links the bus station with Park Street, has been targeted by vandals and become a hive for anti-social behaviour including drunken

jobs urinating up the walls on a regular basis.

Councillor Aftab Nawaz, who represents the town centre, said the alleyway was once again in need of some attention, following the original investment stumped up by former development agency Advantage West Midlands and the European Regional Development Fund.

He said: "Butlers Passage is infamous. It is a bit of a running joke that all of that money went up Butlers Passage and got lost."

"People come to Walsall Town Centre and complain about the

shops and we need to look at the kind of experience they get when they come in.

"There is regeneration going on which is welcome but there has been a lack of targeted investment." The Labour councillor added: "For me it was a lot of money to spend on something that has been allowed to become dilapidated."

A council spokesman said: "While there is recognition Butlers Passage could do with some work it has got to fit in with a lot of work in the town centre which is more pressing."

New leader in continuity vow

SCHEMES set up by Walsall Council's previous administration will be maintained 'where appropriate' according to the authority's new leader.

A Labour and Liberal Democrat-run administration now controls the borough after elections in May.

Councillor Sean Coughlan said: "I would like to acknowledge the constructive way in which the transition was handled by the Conservative Group."

"The incoming Labour/Liberal Democrat administration has inevitably inherited a number of initiatives and programmes. Where appropriate these will be maintained."

"An example of this is the Council's cross party approach to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)."

"For my part, I intend to maintain the practice of ensuring that the Leader of the Opposition is fully briefed and consulted on key issues. There will also be issues on which this administration will wish to take a different approach."



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Helpline on forced marriages inundated

A FORCED marriage helpline received more than one call every day on average over the last two years from people in the West Midlands living in fear.

UK charity Karma Nirvana had a total of 771 calls to its helpline between April 2014 and March this year.

A forced marriage – where one or both people do not consent to the marriage – is recognised in the UK as a form of violence against women and men, domestic/child abuse and a serious abuse of human rights.

The calls to the helpline were made between April 2014 and March this year.

There was a particular surge in calls made between July 2014 and June the following year, with 530 made in the space of 12 months.

Since then call handlers have experienced a fall in the number of calls, receiving around 21 each month.

But the summer period is known to police to be a risk period with many parents using the school's summer holiday as an opportunity to take their children abroad where they are forced into a marriage.

Figures released by West Midlands Police show there have been just 12 forced marriage offences reported to the force in 2014 and 2015.

However there were 64 other crimes reported to the force in the two-year period which were recorded with a 'forced marriage marker' meaning forced marriage is related to or is a component of the offence.

The figures followed a Freedom of Information request.

Students' union gets eco-award

WALSALL College's Students Union has been given an award for its commitment to preserving the environment.

The college has run a number of environmental campaigns in recent years, resulting in the group being given the further education union of the year award at the 2016 NUS Green Impact awards.

In 2013 the college set up its own Student EATS garden to enable green fingered students to grow fresh produce to sell at a low cost and distribute to other students and staff, as well as the college's Littleton Restaurant.

Students have also been involved in developing the garden by building raised beds and promoting environmental awareness.

Circular walk in country village

THE Walsall Ramblers group hold a seven-mile circular walk on Sunday. The group will head to South Croxton, near Melton Mowbray.

Newcomers are welcome. Call the walk leaders on 01922 691167.

Picture perfect for 100th birthday



Alice Mason, celebrates her 100th

A CENTENARIAN with a penchant for photography snapped up a letter from the Queen for her 100th birthday. Alice Mason, of Willenhall, who was born on July 10, 1916, in Pembroke Dock, was swamped with cards, presents and surrounded by family and friends at her house.

Son Edward, 66, said she had led an eventful life in India, Wales and the Black Country, and was narrowly missed during a German air strike in World War Two.

He said: "She was born in Pembroke Dock but moved to India aged

of six. Her father came from Coseley. He was a soldier. His regiment was the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and were stationed in India for a long time.

"So she moved to Bombay and stayed there for 12 years. She was there from 1922-24 and didn't come back until she was 18. She came back and lived in Pembroke Dock again. She was there when the German bombers targeted the oil tanks in 1940. The fire burned for 10 days straight. Over 100 fire engines went over to Wales, including some from

Birmingham. She trained as a machine operator and moved to Wednesfield, where she met my father. They married in 1946 and lived in Heath Town. He died in 1970.

Mrs Mason is the eldest of 10 and two of her sisters, Ivy and Patty, and one brother, Leslie, are still alive. Her other siblings Kenneth, Frida, Jean, Olive, Clifford and Ivor passed away.

The keen photographer's talent also bagged her a competition win with the Express & Star during the 1950s, with a picture of her son, Edward.

John's going overboard with dream of lifetime

A PENSIONER has fulfilled his lifelong dream on a boat – despite not being able to swim and being scared of water.

John Haydon, aged 74, from Bloxwich, has not been on a boat for more than 60 years and is so scared of water that he's done no more than dip his toe in the sea since he was a teenager.

The pensioner hit his head while learning to swim 65 years ago and nearly drowned, leaving him with a crippling fear of open water. But he's also harboured a secret desire to captain a ship and in a brave bid to tackle his phobia, he decided to sell up his house and buy a narrowboat, named the Britannia.

John said: "I know it seems a bit odd for someone who's so scared of water to start living on a boat, but it's the only way I've beaten my fears. When I was a young boy, I always dreamed of being a sea captain, but when I nearly drowned when learning to swim, I couldn't face getting back in the water again.

Vessel

"I was torn between my love for boats and feeling as though I couldn't even think about getting on one. But when my wife passed away two years ago, I realised life is short, and I had to seize the day."

The grandad of six had always dreamt of being a captain of his own vessel, despite never setting foot on one before.

John, who is moored at Mercia Marina in Derby, has spent the past six months learning how to drive the boat and is hoping to finally set sail at the end of this year. He added: "I've always been fascinated with boats and ships though so when it was time to downsize I decided to give it a go.

"I had to sell all of my furniture, I couldn't take my favourite armchair with me unfortunately. People often think a small narrowboat will be cramped but it's actually a bit

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of a Tardis and feels really spacious. I brought my shih tzu dog Dizzy with me too, he's scared of the water but we've both combated our fears together."

After his wife, Ann, passed away nearly two years ago Mr Haydon realised life was too short not to fulfil his lifelong dream. And after meeting his long lost sister, Diane Messer, 60, from Tennessee, in 2014, John sprung his boat goal into action before finally buying the Britannia in February.

"When I lost Ann my whole world came crashing down, I didn't know what to do with myself," he said. "Buying the narrowboat has been the best thing I've ever done, there's a great community here and everyone gets on so well. My sister and her husband, Doug, travelled all the way from Tennessee to stay on the boat with me, we had such a laugh."

John's new partner, also named Ann, has been on hand to help. He said: "I met Ann when I went to a dance class by myself for the first time last year, she was the teacher. I had two left feet but she's taught me some moves and is always there to help. All of my friends and family told me over and over not to live on a narrowboat, but Ann backed me every step of the way. We've had some great laughs, when I first switched the heating on for the first time the whole boat filled with smoke.

"I thought the Britannia was going down but thankfully it was just the old diesel burning!"



Skipper John, of Bloxwich, who's moored at Mercia Marina in Derby



John seen with his former wife, Ann



The captain of his ship – John on the Britannia

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gloves are off as project launched

A PROJECT has been launched to start a boxing club in Darlaston in a bid to tackle anti-social behaviour. It is hoped it could be established some time between August and March next year. A funding bid has been made for £3,600 to Walsall Council in order to help get it off the ground as well as other projects in the area.

A description of the scheme in a report to community leaders in Darlaston states: "The project would be to deliver a boxing club for young people.

"The tutor would be delivering exercises which help with keeping children fit and healthy.

"The exercises are more of a physical nature which helps with weight issues such as obesity and keeping users active."

Street drinking pests targeted

POLICE are set to take action on problem drinkers in a Walsall neighbourhood. Officers from the Bloxwich East neighbourhood team have assured residents in Valley Road they will address issues regarding drinking in the street.

Sgt Michael Sansbury said: "We have been spending time talking with residents where anti-social behaviour is often reported. Incidents such as noisy arguments are being reported and we are going to be placing restrictions on those people in conjunction with the council and Whg.

"We are also working with the New Horizons team who run the Blakenall Health Centre to organise activities for young people over the summer."

Crowd-funding boost for club

A CROWD funding campaign to raise money for a football club hit by vandals has hit the £1,100 mark.

Red Star AFC in Aldridge, which is a not-for-profit organisation helping more than 200 youngsters from Walsall play the game, was targeted by thieves on Sunday July 10 – just hours after hosting a charity game.

Around £5,000 worth of damage was caused during the break in, while a safe containing £1,000 was also targeted. The club have set up a crowd funding site on Just Giving, with donations passing the £1,100 mark over the weekend.

Resurfacing set to continue into August

OVERNIGHT resurfacing works on Caldmore road are to continue until after the end of the month with drivers warned to expect delays.

Caldmore Road have been shut between the junctions of Vicarage Place and Corporation Street every night, 7pm until 6am, since last week and will be carrying on until Tuesday, August 2.

Tarmac are carrying out the resurfacing works on behalf of Walsall Council.

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SO farewell, David Cameron. I never expected to write that quite so soon. I met him on only a few occasions, all before the 2010 General Election. In his early months he was wary, suspicious and unsure of himself, like the young Tony Blair. But he gradually relaxed and grew into the job. Above all, he tended to get on with ordinary people, even when they disagreed with his politics. I cannot recall him ever looking bored or irritated. I liked him. And when Radio 4 announced yesterday that Cameron had left the government front bench "for the last time," I wondered how, after the chaos and upheaval of the past three weeks, anyone could be certain of that. Or of anything.

WE'VE had a letter from E.ON explaining that the adapter on the Chateau Rhodes smart meter is potentially dangerous and should be disconnected without delay. A replacement gizmo will be sent in September. So between now and then we will have no little blue light on the sideboard in the dining room. I do not know how we will cope. To be honest, I've never really understood the purpose of a smart meter from the consumer's point of view. If you wish to be constantly nagged about the need for economy, you could always marry a Yorkshireman. I subscribe to the conspiracy-theory view that, when the wind turbines fail and the electricity runs out, smart meters will inform the power companies which consumers to cut off first. That Rhodes bloke, he's not using much.



ANYONE else notice the resemblance between Mrs May's husband Philip and Calvin's dad in the cartoon strip Calvin & Hobbes?

NEWS reaches me of a much-valued teacher who, on changing jobs, was asked how she would like her presentation silver mug to be inscribed. "Don't forget my name is Rodgers, with a D," she stressed. Sure enough, the mug arrived, beautifully engraved to "Mrs Rodgers-Withadee."

MEANWHILE, a 68-year-old reader tells me he's fed up with the "lies, xenophobia and low-level racism" that conned the English into voting for Brexit. He declares: "If I was younger I would move to Scotland." And in Scotland, of course, you never get a word of bigotry or a whiff of sectarianism. Except on match days.

I STOPPED buying contact lenses from an online company some years ago but they don't give up. Their latest email sales pitch is headlined: "We can send your lenses across Europe." Sounds like a threat from the Mafia, doesn't it?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Ofsted in colleges extremism warning

COLLEGES are 'falling short' in protecting students from the risk of radicalisation and extremism, a report by education watchdog Ofsted warns.

Sandwell College, Dudley College of Technology and Walsall College were among those visited as part of a UK-wide monitoring programme.

Inspectors found that some students were easily able to bypass college online security settings, with one having watched an Islamic State propaganda video featuring a be-

heading. Others had visited websites selling firearms.

The six-month investigation examined how well colleges, sixth-forms and other education providers have implemented the Prevent counter-extremism strategy brought in for colleges last September.

Ofsted's Paul Joyce said there was 'poor practice that I've no doubt would shock parents and learners alike.' The report was based on specific visits to 37 further education and skills providers combined with

findings from 46 regular inspections or monitoring visits between November last year and May.

Inspectors found that general further education colleges and sixth-form colleges were 'making good progress' in carrying out the Prevent duties. Some had taken a strong line on internet access, implementing 'stringent firewalls' and a few even blocking internet access on students' personal devices whilst they are on college premises.

Independent providers came out

of the report worst, with a quarter of those inspected not having implemented a single aspect of the Prevent policy, 'putting students' safety potentially at risk'.

Six providers visited had no arrangements in place to check the suitability of outside speakers.

In another, inspectors found a multi-faith room in a remote part of the premises, largely unchecked, which was dominated by Muslim students who operated 'inappropriate gender segregation'.

Outcry after claims of ducks hit by drivers



Canada geese seen on the carriageway near to the nature reserve

RESIDENTS have expressed outrage over 'speeding drivers' after claims that another three birds were killed near a Walsall nature reserve.

A petition, backed by more than 3,500 people, was launched last month after four cygnets were believed to have been intentionally run over near the Stubbers Green nature reserve, in Aldridge.

People who signed the petition, which called for new traffic calming measures, claimed two of the young swans were killed instantly, while another two were seriously injured. Now, residents are outraged after claims that three ducks have also been run over and left at the side

Report by Tom Oakley

of Stubbers Green Road. Resident Wayne Mace said: "Baby swans were killed at Stubbers Green and three ducks have now been killed because of speeding in the area.

"We told Walsall Council how dangerous the road is that goes through the area where the birds are.

"We want something done about it.

"Birds are killed all the time and people are sick of it. It's only a matter of time before it happens again."

Incident

The petition, called 'Save Our Cygnets at Stubbers Green, Walsall' was set up on website change.org

It was signed by 3,150 people in just four days.

Supporters have asked for more



The pool, with the swans and cygnets at the Stubbers Green nature reserve

to be done to protect the birds. In the wake of the second incident, the petition has started to gather more pace, with nearly 3,700 people now backing the campaign.

Ann Lawrence, who set up the petition, said: "Three young female ducks were run over and killed in front of my eyes by a speeding driver on Tuesday afternoon.

"Stubbers Green is a 20mph zone but drivers do not slow down.

"I appeal to everyone to share the petition so that Walsall Council has to take notice."

Emily Turner, who also signed the petition, added: "So sad to hear this! All it takes is an extra few minutes to be patient and wait for them to cross.

"The signs are clearly not working so perhaps speed bumps should be put either side of where they cross, cars will have to slow down then."

Anyone who wishes to sign the petition, can visit change.org/p/walsall-council-save-our-signets-at-stubbers-green-walsall

The RSPCA investigated the initial incident after complaints were made to them.

A spokeswoman at the time said: "We would be very concerned if a driver intentionally caused the deaths of two cygnets as described in this very sad incident which occurred in Stubbers Green, in Walsall, on June 8.

"This has been reported to us and we are looking into it."

The charity urged anyone who witnessed the incident, saw the white Fiat car involved or knew the identity of the driver to call 0300 123 8018.

Walsall Council was unavailable for comment.

Training is provided at school with defibrillator

STAFF and pupils at a Walsall primary school undertook specialist training after being given a defibrillator.

Blackwood School in Streetly was given the life-saving machine by the Charlie Ramsey Research Fund.

An estimated 12 young people die every week in the UK from sudden cardiac arrest and 80 per cent of the victims will have no prior symptoms.

The chances of survival are drastically improved by using a defibrillator, with a 90 per cent survival rate if one is used within a minute of collapse.

Tracey Coles, head teacher, said: "We are so delighted to be receiving the defibrillator from the CRRF.

"With over 1500 individuals on our site in any given day plus the local Methodist church only a stone's throw away it's a valuable community resource that could prevent a tragic and all too often unnecessary loss of life."

A number of older pupils and staff will be trained on how to use the defibrillator. Lindsay Charles, Deputy Head teacher said "We are an extremely sporty and active school and spend a lot of time out on our large field. As such it's really important for us to be able to respond quickly in the event of a collapse."

Pupils open up to eyecare tips

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Walsall enjoyed an eye-opening lesson when they were visited by a local optician.

Susanna Vass, a dispensing optician at Specsavers in Brownhills, visited Highfields Primary School.

She gave a talk about how eyes work and the importance of keeping them healthy as they grow up. The school also received free vision screening software from the branch, enabling pupils to get their sight checked in the classroom.

Designed to be operated by teachers, the three-minute screening test can detect the most common eye problems that affect children, such as long and short sight, lazy eye and squints.

Schools not already signed up can register at www.screeningforschools.com

New fence put in to stop vandals

A NEW fence to stop vandals throwing missiles from a disused railway bridge has been installed. There has been a long standing issue at the railway bridge in Vicarage Road, Pelsall, which police now hope has been addressed.

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Independent probe starts over death of man, 24

AN independent investigation into the death of a man at Walsall's Manor Hospital has finally been launched – following two failed attempts.

Mark Ankrett died at the hospital in November 2013 after suffering a bleed to the brain – but his care over six years led his mother Tracey to make two official complaints.

Among the concerns, his family claim he was refused an MRI scan despite their wishes. The family of the 24-year-old, from Bloxwich, have been waiting for an independent external review into their son's care to start – at the third attempt.

Now, London based firm Verita has opened an investigation into what happened. The investigation will look into the care Mr Ankrett received at both the Manor Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. Mr Ankrett, who was diagnosed with epilepsy as a youngster, would regularly suffer seizures which would require hospital treatment.

In 2007, doctors found a five-centimetre growth – called an arteriovenous malformation – on his brain.

After appointments with the hospital's neurology department every six months, in May 2011 they stopped without explanation.

In November 2013, Mr Ankrett collapsed and was admitted back to Manor Hospital – just three days after he had received treatment at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Three hours after being admitted, Mr Ankrett's parents were told he had a massive bleed on his brain and he was being put on life support. An hour later his family were told they would turning off the life support machine.

Two years ago, Mark's mother Tracey launched an online petition calling for an 'open and honest' investigation into what happened during her sons time at the Manor. More than 1,000 people have since signed the petition on change.org.

Bakery homes plan rejected

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build 80 homes on a former bakery site in Walsall have been refused – despite being recommended for approval.

The old Maple Leaf site in Raleigh Street, Birchills, was set to be replaced with 80 new homes under plans originally recommended for approval by Walsall Council development officers.

However, a final decision notice signed off by head of planning Steve Pretty now says the plans should not go ahead.

The scheme prompted a petition from locals calling for a one-way traffic system to be introduced in Raleigh Street on the opposite side of the site, because they feared more residents would add to existing congestion problems in the area.

The plans have been refused due to concerns over access, over development and a lack of amenities.

Chinese exchange students in VIP visit



The students at the council chamber

CHINESE VIPs visited Walsall for a week as part of an exchange programme, staying with pupils from one of the town's schools.

The Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Kath Phillips, hosted the Chinese group in the Mayor's Parlour.

They are staying with pupils from Queen Mary's Grammar School who are learning Mandarin.

The group, from Leshan in the Sichuan province in western China, were taken into Walsall Council's chamber to see how the town's local democracy works.

Queen Mary's headteacher Tim Swain said: "Last year we sent 24 students to China for three weeks. They spent 10 days actually living in the school so became really immersed in the language and culture. The partnership started between our respective schools and others in the USA, Australia and Hong Kong in 2013 is a fantastic way for the students involved to gain an understanding of other cultures at a grass roots level."

The Mayor was asked by visitors what she does in her role and how the next one will be chosen.

While they are here the students have been visiting popular spots like Warwick Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon and Cadbury World. They also took a weekend trip to Wales for outward bound activities.

On what they had got up to during their time while based in the Midlands, Councillor Phillips said: "It sounds nearly as busy as a Mayoral week." Leshan hosts the largest stone Buddha in the world and the Mount Emei Scenic Area, which lies near the city, was made a World Heritage Site by UNESCO 20 years ago.

Fury after patients' letters sent in error

PRIVATE details of 30 people – including test results – were wrongly sent to a single person by the NHS trust which runs Walsall Manor Hospital.

A patient registered with the hospital received an envelope addressed to her containing her own test results in May – but loose inside the envelope were another 30 patient letters.

The letters were intended for a GP practice and contained confidential personal information, names, addresses and diagnosis results.

A second similar incident occurred around the same date, whereby a patient received another batch of correspondence intended for another GP practice.

The data breach was discussed at a recent Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust board meeting, where it was brought up as part of a serious incident report summary.

A statement in the report discussed reads: "The patient contacted the GP surgery to advise of this error and made arrangements to personally hand deliver the envelope containing all the correspondence the same evening to the GP surgery.

Inexcusable

"A documented process will be created and approved to support staff in daily tasks."

The trust say they have introduced a 'documented procedure for distribution of clinical correspondence to GP's' since the incident to avoid it happening again.

Walsall North MP David Winnick called the error 'horrible and inexcusable'.

He said: "I have expressed my concerns about the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust and Manor Hospital numerous times in the past and their need to get out of special measures."

"I have been hopeful that they could shake themselves up but incidents like these naturally make me pessimistic. The local community will once again be most disappointed."

The trust was placed in special measures by the CQC back in January, with inspectors declaring that 'significant improvement' was immediately needed in a number of areas, including maternity services and emergency care.

Bosses at the hospital claim that work is already under way to improve the situation through extra staff and investment, while targeting an escape from special measures by next year.

Outstanding rating joy for pupils



Pupils from St Michael's Primary School, Pelsall, celebrate the school's Outstanding Ofsted report

A WALSALL primary school's staff and pupils have been praised in a gleaming Ofsted report.

Inspectors found leadership, teaching, behaviour, pupils' outcomes and care for the youngest children is outstanding at St Michael's Church of England Primary School in Pelsall.

The school, which currently has 367 pupils on its roll, was visited by inspectors between May 3 and May 4. Its head teacher Ros Hutchinson was found to have 'pursued excellence in every aspect' and that it has improved greatly since its last inspection, when it was rated good.

Mrs Hutchinson said: "We are absolutely thrilled with the Ofsted report because it reflects the hard work that the whole community has put in over a number of years."

"We believe our success is due to the significant commitment and expertise of staff, the continuing and unwavering support of parents, and, most importantly, the outstanding learning behaviour and enthusiasm of our children."

Inspectors found the school has 'an outstanding curriculum, underpinned by its powerful ethos [and] promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development exceptionally well.'

The school was told to ensure that all initiatives are 'rigorously monitored and evaluated' to ensure it maintains its excellent ratings. And it was also told it should look to reduce gaps between the girls' and boys' performance at the school.

It should do this by using strategies to accelerate some boys' performance and make sure pupils undertake more difficult tasks when they are able to. Governors know the school 'well and are very effective' and parents have positive views about their children's progress and welfare, the report says.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lamp post crash male driver dies

A MALE car driver died following a collision with a lamp post yesterday afternoon. West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) were called to the crash at the junction of Bridle Lane and Chester Road in Streetly, Birmingham shortly before 3.10pm.

A WMAS spokesman said: "Crews arrived to find the car driver, a man, in cardiac arrest. An off duty nurse and the fire service had already started giving the man CPR before ambulance staff took over."

"They administered advanced life support and continued treatment en-route to the hospital, with two firefighters also travelling on the ambulance. However, unfortunately shortly after arrival at Good Hope Hospital it became evident that nothing could be done to save the man."

Fears on closure of bank aired

A DARLASTON Councillor has raised concerns that the town could be in line to lose its only bank, forcing residents to travel miles.

Doug James has spoken to the Express & Star about his fears that the Lloyds Bank in Darlaston could be the next to be axed as Lloyds continues to shut banks up and down the country.

He said: "Lloyds are looking for further closures and they will be looking at smaller branches like Darlaston, meaning we are under threat. If this branch does close then the nearest one will be three miles away."

A spokesman for Lloyds Bank confirmed there were no immediate plans to close the Darlaston branch.

Well-being bid with sessions

DUDLEY and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust will be holding a series of drop-in information events. They aim to give people the chance to find out more information about improving their mental and overall wellbeing.

Sessions, from 1-2.30pm, are due on July 21 at Brierley Hill Library, August 25 at Halesowen Library, September 21 at Stourbridge Library and on October 18 at Dudley Library.

For more information contact Iram Maan on 01384 366517 or email cdw@dwmh.nhs.uk

Food grant of up to £25k for groups

PARTNERSHIPS in the West Midlands are being urged to apply for their share of a new £150,000 food grant. The department for food and rural affairs has unveiled it as part of its Great British Food Campaign.

This new grant will give local partnerships – including community groups, trade bodies and national parks – the chance to bid for up to £25,000 funding. The money will then be used to champion regional food and drink, local businesses and potentially creating more jobs.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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Home bit dowdy? Call in the bulldozers

SO from now on, Prime Minister's Questions will be dominated by squabbles between Jeremy and May, with Hammond sitting in the shadows.

With such a Top Gear bench, as somebody once said, what could possibly go wrong?

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SUPPOSE your house looked a bit the worse for the passage of time. I know that is unlikely, because you maintain your property diligently, keep the garden immaculate, and scrub your doorstep spotless every morning. But just play with me for a while on this one.

Say your property had been allowed to decay for a good few years, and needed quite a bit of modernisation.

Nothing serious, it's still habitable, but now it's 50, maybe 60 years old, there are a fair few jobs that need doing; a new heating system here, a bit of rewiring there, the odd plumbing and damp-proofing job.

Anyway, an expert says you probably need to spend £30,000 on it. Or if you ask nicely, his mate Des, who works in the demolition trade, will knock the house down for a third of that.

Now how many of you would say "That's a good idea, it will save us 20 grand on repairs"? Not many I suspect, because then there would be the small matter of you not having a house at all.

Yet this is basically what Dudley Council is doing, after announcing plans to demolish four tower blocks in the Netherton.

The council says urgent maintenance work will cost £9 million, whereas it would cost just £3 million to flatten them and pay off the people who live in them.

People like 90-year-old Lilly Gough, who has lived in her flat for half a century, and is heartbroken at the prospect of leaving.

Of course, it is hardly the only local authority to adopt this policy.

Over the past 20 years, tower-block flattening seems to have become something of a municipal sport. People even hold street parties to get into the mood.

A few years ago Wolverhampton Council pulled down the flats at Graiseley, and later complained of a shortage of one and two bedroom properties in the city.

But back to Netherton, where the council will save £6 million but lose 301 flats. That works out at £19,993 a property. I realise the council is strapped for cash, but it's a safe bet it will cost a lot more to build 200 new homes.

We are supposed to be living through a housing crisis. We're told we need to build 240,000 new homes a year just to stand still.

Which makes knocking down hundreds of homes because they need updating – and I suspect partly because they are unfashionable – seem very shortsighted indeed.



Sheila performing while in her 20s



Sheila, third left, in a tap routine during a senior school production



Sheila aged around seven or eight years old

Sheila's long career a real dancing feat

A celebrated Wolverhampton tutor tells reporter **JESSICA LABHART** what it takes to have a long career in dance

SINCE opening her first dance school, in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton at the age of 14, Sheila Groom has gone on to teach hundreds of boys and girls.

Many of her proteges have gone on to secure their own careers in the industry. But what really makes dance such a worthwhile career?

"Well, it began for me really when I was five years old. I had whooping cough, and the doctor at the time told my parents I should do some exercise to try and soothe it. So I started going to a very small dance school in Wolverhampton, just doing tap, because ballet was a bit too far out my parents' reach financially in those days."

Sheila, now aged 86, added: "When I was around six or seven, I moved schools to be taught by Jack Griffiths and Dorothy May. That was when I found out about Shirley Temple, and I would mimic her both in my dancing and the costumes that my mother would hand-make for me.

Fees

"At one point, I'd progressed so much in tap that I took the same grade exam as my actual teacher, on the same day! That was when my parents decided it may be time for me to move on.

"Madame Leminski's was a ballet school based at Birmingham New Street when I started taking classes there at 12 years old. I think it's still going, but in Solihull now. I went there every day after school – which was Prestwood Road School in Heath Town, and do a paper round in the morning to pay for my dance fees. In my previous dance schools, I'd developed a bit of a name for myself but at Madame's, I was a nobody. Not only that, but some of the girls that went there had their



Sheila today, aged 86. "Dance is something everyone can do," she says

own chauffeurs and fur coats. I'd come from Bank Street in Park Village – but my mother always made sure I looked just as good as the wealthy girls – it just took a lot of sewing and sequins. My time at Madame's really drove me to work as hard as I could so I could be just as good as the more privileged dancers. I used to save up all my money so I could go to the six week residential session at Maude Wells' school in Forest Gate, London.

"Ms Wells had said she had followed my career since I was an infant and she wanted me to go to her from the age of 12, but we couldn't afford it. So every summer I would go to her classes, to keep learning and developing. I kept going to London in the summer, and stayed at Madame's school until I was 22, whilst running my own school at the same time.

"Running the school was dead easy in those days, in comparison to how it is now. The ma-

jority of the girls were beginners, so you could teach them all the same material at the same time. Now, not only are so many girls and boys coming to me at different standards, but they come with their own expectation of what dancing is, and that doesn't always match what the rigorous training schedule has to be in order for them to pass the proper exams.

"Now, I often ask the students to bring in a piece of music they want to dance to, particularly for their freestyle exams, so I can chop it and change it and create steps that go with it. We didn't really have that kind of freedom in the old days.

"When I was 23, I got married and decided to have a family. Though I was asked to become an official examiner for the national dance board at that time, I declined it because I didn't want to neglect my two young sons or my husband, so I really focussed on my char-

ity work, and got involved in the Newsvenders Benevolent Fund 'Old Ben' as well as the mayor's various charities throughout the years and later, the MS society.

Among Sheila's achievements are the British Empire Medal she was awarded two years ago. But she said: "For me, it's all about the children.

"I've always believed that, whether you make a career out of it or not, dance will set you in good stead for the rest of your life. Just being able to listen and interpret and enjoy music, being able to follow instruction, having the discipline and commitment to attend classes, and aiming to achieve the best you can are skills that everyone still needs, even today.

"Dance is something that everyone can do, but it takes a lot of hard work to do it well, and like anything in life, the amount of effort you put in is translated into the result you get at the end."

Result

Sheila is a life member of both the Royal Academy of Dance and the International Dance Teachers Association, an Associate Member of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and a Member of the Guild of Professional Teachers of Dance, Movement to Music and Dramatic Arts. She has a Certificate of Excellence from the Mayor of the City of Wolverhampton, a Bronze Award from the Multiple Sclerosis Society for charity work and the Samaritan Award from the Newsvenders Benevolent Fund.

But it has not been without its mishaps, as she explains: "When I was performing at the Grand in the pantomime in the 1940s, a group of lads I used to go ice-skating with decided to come and watch the show. Except, when they arrived, they stole one of the applause boxes from the side of the stage, so whenever I appeared on stage, there was this thunderous applause – which was highly embarrassing!

"On another occasion, I had this ballet costume which was threaded with fairy lights. Whilst I was dancing, the lights fused, and in the confusion I performed a grand jeté (a ballet leap) but in the wrong direction, so I ended up facing the back of the stage."

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Elderly EU vote row strikes again

THE upset remain voters are hellbent on accusing the elderly proportion of our population of destroying their children's futures.

In 2014 22.6 per cent of the population was over 60. If every one of those had voted to leave then there was still another 30 per cent under 60 who also voted to leave. So maybe no-one say over 40 should have been allowed the vote? I may also add I gather the turnout of 18-24 year olds was low.

The remainers should instead address why they lost; the remain party was more concerned with scaremongering and black-

mailing rather than selling a future EU in a positive light. And yes it was a protest vote against what has happened in this country in the past 30 years. And a final word, if things do go as badly as we have been promised by the remainers us oldies will suffer as well.

Those in work and losing their jobs will find it harder than a young person to get another and the many with private pensions and nest egg investments might also suffer.

J WILLIAMS
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Ex-fireman hopes to be on kayaker's trail

I FEEL I really have to reply to the letter by D H Speckner dated July 7. I really don't know how he/she has the front to attack the older generation when these are the people who fought and died to give Mr/Mrs Speckner the right to free movement and speech in the first place!

If they hadn't he/she would still be stuck in which ever country they came from, and as for us never having it so good in the 70s all I can remember is the recession of 73-75, miners' strikes, the three day week - so yeah we never had it so good.

I think Mr/Mrs Speckner is the one living with blinkers on, and it is because the older generation can make decisions of their own free will and not be hoodwinked into doing something they don't want to do.

And no I'm not part of the older generation and I voted leave.

So I think we have a lot to thank the older generation for.

P JOHNSON

Walsall

DURING a very wet and cold evening in February 1977 I was involved in a rescue from the River Severn in Ironbridge, Shropshire.

I was a fireman at the time and spent a long spell on the end of a ladder, partly submerged in a flooded River Severn, trying to rescue a person trapped in a kayak.

The two occupants of the kayak hit a tree branch and trapped one of them, Brian Springthorpe. He was being held by an aluminium strengthening strip by the knee. He was just about able to hold his head above water. After several hours of very difficult work he was eventually freed.

The following morning when I went off duty, I called at the the hospital

that he had been taken to, the old RSI in Shrewsbury, to visit him.

He said that he was pleased to see me but I can assure you that he was not as pleased as I was to see him. On a number of occasions he went unconscious and we thought that we were going to lose him.

The Shropshire Star ran 'a story from the past' which brought back very vivid memories of that night and I would like to contact him. If anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of Brian Springthorpe I would be pleased to hear from him. My contact details are available at the Express & Star on 01902 319402.

MIKE BICKFORD
Oswestry

Details of fallen hero

I DON'T know if you can help me or not. I recently purchased a brass poppy in commemoration of the Somme centenary, and was given a certificate stating that the poppy was made to commemorate every soldier that died on July 1, 1916.

Mine was in the name of Corp Charles Henry Preston, South Staffordshire Reg, Service No. 240363(2479) 1st/6th Bn. He was aged 31, and the son of John Preston of Holyhead Road, Oaken, Wolverhampton.

I would love to know more about this brave gentleman and maybe see a picture of him, but have had no success with the internet, and therefore the reason I write to you, is to ask if you could print my letter and ask if anyone knows of him, would they write to me and tell me more about him.

I hope you can help me.
MAUREEN SHACKLADY
12 Aquarius Close
Liverpool

It's time to go with flow

I SEE thousands of Remain voters staged a march in London to try and get another referendum simply because they didn't like the result of the last one.

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Fringe benefits for young talent Jimm



Jimm Rennie, who is starring in a play which is featuring at the Edinburgh Fringe next month

ONE of Walsall's brightest acting talents has secured a part in a new play heading to the prestigious Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Jimm Rennie, aged 29, will be appearing in the pivotal role of 'Writer' in the surreal comedy Paper in my Pants at The Forest Theatre in the heart of Edinburgh from August 15 to 20.

Appearing at Edinburgh will be an ambition achieved for Jimm, who has been entertaining people for many years across the Midlands, earning a reputation for his acting, writing and stand-up comedy routines.

Jimm said: "This will be my debut at Edinburgh and I am really looking forward to it. I love the play. It is a dark comedy about a writer's mental breakdown. It will be a challenge, but it is one I am more than ready for."

If you cannot make Edinburgh but want to see Jimm in action there are previews of Paper in my Pants, in Birmingham on August 9 at Moseley School Sports Complex off College Road, Moseley, starting at 7.30; and in Walsall, on August 11 at Bookmark, Bloxwich Library Theatre on Elmore Row, starting at 7.45.

Charity for children is helped with DFS boost

A CHARITY for disadvantaged children in Walsall and their families has been given a generous makeover.

Home Start Walsall, which helps improve children's confidence and develop their social and communication skills in an effort to reduce isolation, has been given a new look courtesy of DFS.

The charity's base on Birchills Street is now kitted out with a new floor, posters, wallpaper and sofa's to create an extra welcoming environment for youngsters.

Barry Ashwell, area manager at DFS, said: "When we heard about Home Start Walsall and how they do so much with so little, we really wanted to give something back to them."

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The charity currently



Enjoying one of the new sofas

receives a main grant of £29,963 from BBC Children in Need, which is awarded over the course of three years. In a new renovation initiative, DFS's interior design experts are giving makeovers to projects supported by BBC Children in Need, with Home-Start being the first to benefit.

Dawn Beard, senior co-ordinator at Home Start Walsall, said: "We could not be more grateful to DFS and BBC Children in Need for doing this for us."

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Uncut grass at central reservation sparks fury



Sylvia Jackson, who is angry about the length of the grass on the central reservation along Watling Street, Brownhills

UNCUT grass on a central reservation of a dual carriageway is a 'serious danger' for motorists and residents, it has been claimed.

The grass on the reservation, on Watling Street, Newtown, Brownhills has not been cut since last year and Mrs Sylvia Jackson says the problem is a nightmare for residents.

She claims the road is already a problem for those living nearby due to heavy traffic and speeding and that the overgrown grass issue 'needs fixing' for their safety and to prevent an accident. She said: "It is absolutely ridiculous, this is a serious danger and it is so easy to solve. I have complained to Highways England on June 10 but nothing has been done about it yet. The road gets so busy at times, it is full not just with cars but lorries and vans. "Those of us who live here are used to the grass problem now and we know our way around it, but we still have to be careful.

"People who don't live here aren't going to know what to do so that could cause a serious problem.

"It needs fixing and I don't know why it hasn't been done yet."

Mrs Jackson says that the problem is one of many residents living next to the dual carriageway, on the border of Walsall and Staffordshire, face.

She expressed her concerns about litter and speeding, claiming she felt as though the town had 'fell off the map' due its location on the border.

She said: "We are right on the border and it feels like we have fell off the map."

"We have this overgrown grass on the reservation, litter is dropped everywhere from motorists and the cars are going by at such speed, it is a worry, especially for parents, because children have to walk by such a busy road."

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10 Youngsters get stuck in with litter-pick

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PCSO Diggett, Thomas Clarke, Laura Purgal, Maddison Guy, Holly Smith, Cath Whitehouse and Josh Faultless

A COMMITTED team of thirty-eight students from Grace Academy Darlaston joined local councillors, police and businesses in a community litter-pick around the Rough Hay area.

The students spent a morning litter-picking with local partner agencies including Walsall Council's Clean and Green team, volunteers from Coop Energy, the Walsall Housing Group, Darlaston Area Partnership, ASDA Community Life representatives, and residents.

Nicola Holmes, Area Partnership Manager for Darlaston and Bentley from Walsall Council, said: "It is fantastic to see the students take part and keep their local community clean and tidy."

"Local residents were really pleased to see the young people getting stuck in with cleaning up and enjoying the morning. Thanks to the school for being part of local partnership working, and allowing students to join in."

Explaining why students from Grace

Academy Darlaston were involved, Rachael Wright, Ethos Youth Worker, said: "As a school we are always looking for ways to help our local community and tidying up some parts of the local area was one thing that pupils had expressed an interest in doing."

Cath Whitehouse, of Asda Darlaston, which was also involved, added: "I love working with the school and to see the way in which the students conduct themselves while representing the school."

Ofsted in further calls for primary to raise standards

IMPROVEMENTS are still required at a Walsall primary school two years after an education watchdog demanded performance get better.

Croft Primary, which caters for 245 pupils, was last week given a level-three rating of 'Requires Improvement' after Ofsted carried out an inspection over two days in June.

It is the same rating handed to the school in 2014 and the watchdog has pointed to frequent changes in staffing as to why improvement has been hindered.

Pupils' standards were still deemed not good enough while youngsters were found to have 'gaps' in their understanding. In the latest report, Her Majesty's Inspector Martyn Pye, and Ofsted inspector Susan Plant said: "Standards at the end of key stage 2 in reading, writing and mathematics, while rising, remain too low."

"This is because, over time, pupils' progress has been hampered by variations in the quality of teaching, especially across key stage 2. Since the previous inspection there have been many changes of staff and this has restricted the pace of school improvement."

"This means that pupils have reached upper key stage 2 with gaps in their understanding in some subjects. 'Currently, pupils do not have enough opportunities to apply key literacy and numeracy skills in meaningful ways.'"

However the watchdog did credit the current school bosses for being 'capable' and 'ambitious' whilst creating stability at Croft Academy. "They understand the school's position, but are still developing systems to gather detailed information about the school's work," the report added.

Travis Latham of the Elliott Foundation which runs the school, said: "I am pleased that Ofsted has recognised the continued improvement at Croft academy."

Big revamp for estate under way

THE first work has started on multi-million pound regeneration of Heath Town, which aims to revamp one of the most rundown estates in Wolverhampton.

Pre-demolition enabling works have started on site, while the process of appointing a developer will begin soon. It will cost £5 million for the enabling works and demolition to get the site ready for development.

The estate is set to be transformed with new housing, refurbished homes, and improved leisure space.

Work involves demolishing some buildings to make way for new development.

Phase one of the enabling works is taking place on Hobgate Road and is expected to be completed by September, with demolition of walkways and garages due to start by the end of the year.

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On Monday June 20, a team of eight took part in the Macmillan 72 Hole Golf Challenge at Bloxwich Golf Club. The task being to complete four rounds of golf in one day. A spokesman

said: "We started at 4am and finally finished at 6pm completing over 20 miles. We raised in total £3200."

Lined up in the picture, left, from left to right are - Nick Plimmer, Adrian Howe, Adam Bowater, Jamie Coxall, Shaun Moore, Jay Parsonage, Joe Henderson and Jon Bradley

Pupil, 5, put in isolation over beads safety fears

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD girl was put in isolation at her primary school for having beads in her hair - a punishment branded 'ridiculous' by her mother.

Miah-Lee Walters arrived as usual at Pheasey Park Farm Primary near Great Barr on Monday July 4.

But when teachers saw she had beads in her hair they telephoned her mother Andrena Walters immediately to say they needed to be taken out for safety reasons.

Miss Walters, 25, a dental nurse formally of Great Barr but now of Bilston, initially agreed until Miah-Lee came home at the end of the day revealing she had been put in isolation away from her friends for the day.

Distraught

She said: "Miah came and told me she had been isolated for an entire day and made to do colouring. She had to stand outside with a teacher and watch all of the other kids play."

"She was really upset and distraught at not being allowed to be with her friends. How is her hairstyle affecting her learning, that's what I want somebody to explain. It is ridiculous."

Miss Walters who is of Jamaican origin has now decided to take a stand over the matter. Initially she sent Miah-Lee into school knowing she would have to spend the day on her own but now has risked criminal action by refusing to send her in. She claims since



Miah-Lee Walters, with mother Andrena, who is fuming about the situation

Monday the school policy has 'miraculously' changed to prohibit beads despite not stating so before.

Now Miss Walters, who also has a one-year-old son, has declared she is pulling Miah-Lee out of Pheasey Park Farm for the next school year. She added: "How can you punish a child for having beads in her hair. It's our culture. That is what we grew up with. I went to school with beads in my hair. "How can you put a little kid of five in isolation. The rules and regulations are ridiculous. It is disgusting."

Headteacher Sally Lanni stood by the school's safety policy which she admitted had been updated recently.

She said: "We will not compromise children's safety for fashion reasons."

"Our policy which has been endorsed by Ofsted clearly states; fashion items or items which compromise safety are not permitted in children's hair. I can confirm that our policy was updated at the last governors meeting on June 23 however, this was to make it more explicit to all parents what is and is not allowed."

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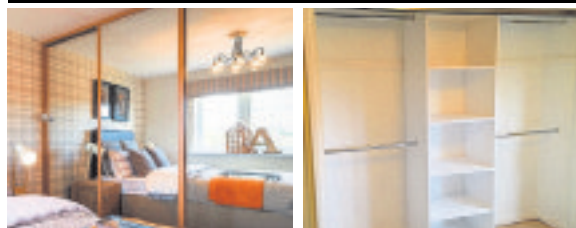
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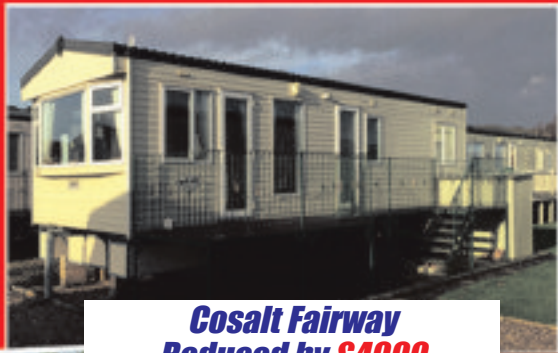
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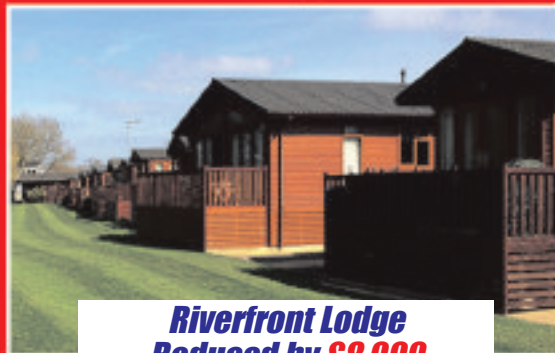
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Majority ignore risk to mobiles

A TOTAL of 70 per cent of people in the West Midlands do not consider their mobile phone to be at risk of cyber attacks, according to a new study.

Many people are also not aware of the types of attack their phone might be vulnerable to and are not using security to protect their phone from this growing risk.

The research, carried out by firm 360 Security revealed that just seven per cent of people are worried about a cyber attack, with 32 per cent expressing no concerns over a breach in their personal security.

The revelation comes as recent statistics, released by the security firm, showed that there are more than 1,000 cyber attack attempts every day on UK android phones alone. A spokesman said: "The truth is, smartphones are at greater risk from cyber attack as they are used more frequently and widely than laptops and desktop computers."

Summer fall for property prices after EU result

THE price of property coming to the market in England and Wales has fallen 0.9 per cent – £2,647 – this month according to Rightmove.

The West Midlands saw a fall of 1.6 per cent with the average house price at £205,951, which is up 2.9 per cent from the July 2015 average of £200,129.

Figures from Rightmove show that buyer demand in the two weeks since the surprise EU referendum result is consistent with 2014 although down on 2015.

The same period last year benefitted substantially from a post-election boost. Most agents report market momentum continuing due to shortage of suitable property for sale, buyers fearful of missing out on scarce choice and affordability and availability of low mortgage rates.

Miles Shipside, Rightmove director and

housing market analyst, said: "As far as the price of property coming to market is concerned, the fall of 0.9 per cent is within the range that we have seen at this time of year since 2010."

"With the onset of the summer holiday season new sellers typically price more conservatively and the average drop in the month of July is 0.4 per cent over the last six years. Perhaps unsurprisingly this July's fall is marginally larger, as political turbulence has a track record of unsettling sentiment."

In the run-up to and immediate aftermath of the referendum there was an understandable drop-off in buyer enquiries. In the last two weeks post-referendum, compared to 2015, enquiries to agents from buyers are down by 16 per cent. Mr Shipside said: "Housing markets do not like uncertainty, with positive sentiment typically driven by confidence and momentum, supported by low borrowing costs."

Secrets of the hoard may stay buried



Curators David Symons and Deb Klepperer, conservation manager Pieta Greaves and Anglo Saxon specialist Chris Fern

CONSERVATION has now been completed on the historic Staffordshire Hoard but archaeologists have declared its true secrets may never be revealed.

Out of around 4,000 fragments excavated from the ground from a field in Hammerwich, near Walsall, in 2009, work to clean and restore the pieces has finished in recent weeks – making up 900 or so 'catalogue' items.

Now experts are writing up their findings with a view to publishing

a full report in 2018. It will address some of the major questions about the hoard, with why it was buried in the ground being the biggest mystery.

But Pieta Greaves, hoard conservation co-ordinator at Birmingham Museum, said that may never be answered conclusively. She said: "The hoard has undergone a major research project, being supported by Historic England, answering some of those big questions – 'Why is it there?', 'Who put it there?' Some questions research

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A Great War training hut recreated as it would have looked in 1916



A bakery set up in Brocton Camp 38 during training



One of the YMCA Huts at Penkridge Bank Camp, which was used as a postcard



Soldiers from brocton camp resting on Cannock Chase



The Post Office situated at the Brocton Camp

Ticket to the past with Great War bus

FROM the camps where soldiers prepared for battle in the Great War to the place where hundreds of troops have since been laid to rest.

Free bus tours will run through Cannock Chase stopping off at the locations which played a part in the First World War, as well as the area's military cemeteries.

The trips will be part of the second stage of the Reaching Out Arms - The Story of WW1 on Cannock Chase project. It has been secured thanks to a £9,500 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded jointly to the Friends of Cannock Chase and the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team.

The tours will stop off at the two main military camp sites at Brocton Camp and Rugeley Camp (also called Penkridge Bank Camp), as well as the Great War Hut which housed the training soldiers. The

MEMORY LANE

Report by Carl Jackson

two camps were created on Cannock Chase in the autumn of 1914, providing accommodation for 40,000 men at one time.

Cannock Chase still has extensive archaeological remains of both camps, including hut bases, former roads and railways that survive within the existing footpath network or as earthwork features. Items from the excavations can be seen on display at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre and at The Museum of Cannock Chase.

After the First World War, the camps' huts were left empty. They were later dismantled and many were sold to locals who used them as workshops, houses and even a village parish hall.

In 2006 the Friends of Cannock Chase re-erected a hut next to Cannock Chase Visitor Centre with the interior fitted out as it would have looked in 1916.

Trevor Warburton, from the Friends of Cannock Chase, said: "Our fully accessible guided bus tour of Cannock Chase AONB will be stopping at several key locations for a short tour and history by one of our expert volunteers."

Recently it was announced that the Heritage Lottery Fund had pledged a £96,000 grant to conduct a hi-tech research project using LIDAR (light detection and ranging) equipment to unearth the hidden World War One practice trenches which have since been buried by decades of vegetation.

Next year an event will take place to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Messines, a conflict which, it emerged, Cannock Chase was closely linked to after model terrain of the Belgium town was discovered in 2012. It had been used to train troops.

The next bus tour will take place on Saturday, July 30, departing from Penkridge Railway Station at 10am and returning at 3pm. Those wishing to attend should book by calling 01785 619185.



A training camp postcard at The Museum of Cannock Chase

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Secrets of cleaned hoard may stay buried in past

CONSERVATION has now been completed on the historic Staffordshire Hoard but archaeologists have declared its true secrets may never be revealed.

Out of around 4,000 fragments excavated from the ground from a field in Hammerwich, near Walsall, in 2009, work to clean and restore the pieces has finished in recent weeks – making up 900 or so 'catalogue' items.

Now experts are writing up their findings with a view to publishing a full report in 2018.

It will address some of the major questions about the hoard, with why it was buried in the ground being the biggest mystery.

But Pieta Greaves, hoard conservation co-ordinator at Birmingham Museum, said that may never be answered conclusively.

Mystery

She said: "The hoard has undergone a major research project, being supported by Historic England, answering some of those big questions – 'Why is it there?', 'Who put it there?'"

"Some questions research won't be able to answer. There will always be a bit of mystery about it which is nice in a way."

"But we are also talking about what the hoard means, how it was made and what it means for the Mercia Kingdom."

The hoard was the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silverwork found anywhere in the world and was even more remarkable for the fact the vast majority of pieces were military orientated.

Ms Greaves said: "It is all from elite warriors of the Anglo-Saxons. The original theory is still sound. It was probably given to the soldiers by the



Conservation manager Pieta Greaves with some of the pieces from the hoard king who would have expected something back. It was all for men.

"We always assume these beautiful items are for women but they were not. They were objects of power and a real show of strength."

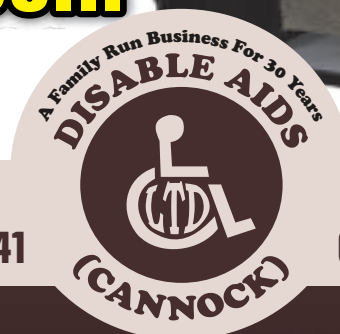
She added: "But it is very interesting to think about the technology of

these pieces. How were they making these objects so tiny and so detailed and why?"

"Why would they need to make something so small. The items are very beautiful."

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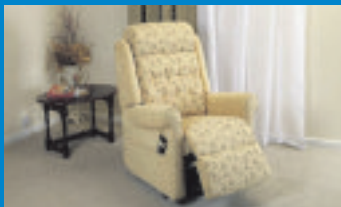


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80,000 people flock to the Black Country in Mela-mania

UP to 80,000 people gathered in Smethwick for the Sandwell and Birmingham Mela 2016.

Hailed as the biggest Mela event in Europe, crowds from across the country gathered at Victoria Park for live international music performances, stalls, food, arts, community showcases, workshops and a funfair.

The weekend celebration was presented by Asian TV channel Star Plus in association with Lycamobile, and saw more than 100 artists and groups perform, including Bollywood's biggest playback singer Mika Singh.

With millions of followers on social media, Singh boasts a string of chart-topping hits and has been in the industry for more than a decade.

Academy

He has also received a host of Bollywood accolades, including winning Indian Film Academy Awards in 2008 and 2012. Other famous artists including Sukshinder Shinda, Zaak Knight, Resham Annol, Hardy Sandhu, Zora Randhawa also took to the stage.

Danny Singh, event director, said he was proud to be part of the event in his home town. He explained: "This year we have gone that extra mile and have the Khoj Circus and more stalls than ever before here.

"The great thing is that over the past few years it has become a multi-cultural event for all of Sandwell to come and enjoy.

"Each year it gets bigger and better and I'll have people come up to me and say they can't wait until the weekend."



Mika Singh performs to thousands at the huge event.

Picture by Bindi Sandhu



One of the performers on stage, during the Mela



Singer Jeet Kaur and model Preet Kaur, of Preston



Singing to an 80,000-strong crowd

Thousands of homes lose power

OVER 12,000 homes in Walsall were left without power after a power cut in the borough.

Homes in Bloxwich, Rushall, Gosport and Aldridge were all affected on Monday morning.

Western Power Distribution say the power went down due to a fault with an underground cable. All of the 12,000-or-so homes bar one had their power back within the hour.

The power cut happened around 9am, with power restored by 10am.

Michael Clarke, a spokesman for Western Power, said: "The 12,000 properties had their power back up within the hour. All bar one property was back up by 10am. The reason for the power cut was a fault with an underground cable."

Meanwhile, in Tipton, 5,000 homes were left without power after a cable exploded under a street.

A van and wall were damaged when the power cable exploded under Park Lane West, where fire crews cordoned off a section of the pavement.

Western Power Distribution is investigating what caused the explosion.

No injuries were reported. Fire crews had arrived at the scene just after 9.15am.

The explosion damaged a van parked next to the pavement of Park Lane West and to the wall of a home.

Mosque on its way

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a mosque on the outskirts of Walsall town centre have been officially approved. Walsall Council's planning committee approved plans to convert an old warehouse and offices in Vicarage Place, Caldmore, into a place of worship earlier this month.

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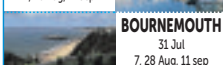
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Reunited Busted back in the race

NOUGHTIES pop favourites Busted are mended... the return of frontman Charlie Simpson after a decade away means that the original trio will be back for a huge end of summer gig at Wolverhampton Racecourse on September 3.

Music Live! presents an afternoon and evening of horse racing and pop music for £38 a ticket (£18 under-18s) and family packages are available. Gates open at 3.20pm and there will be seven races on the all-weather track, starting at 5.50pm, followed by music after the last race.

Singer Charlie Simpson has rejoined former bandmates James Bourne and Matt Willis, after they formed a partnership with McFly in supergroup McBusted for hugely successful arena tours.

Busted themselves had four no1 singles, two albums and sold five million records before enjoying a record-breaking run of 12 sold-out shows at Wembley.

The Essex trio's hits included What I Go To School For, Year 3000, You Said No, Air Hostess, Crashed The Wedding, Who's David and Thunderbirds/3AM.

Charlie said: "A year ago James and I got together and just started hanging out. It really had been 10 years since we hung out. There was this huge void of time where we just didn't

speaking. Not because he had any issues but I was off doing my own thing, and he was busy, so we just drifted apart.

"And we just started... getting on. It felt really different, somehow, to how it had ten years ago. And the idea crept into my head: what would Busted look like today?"



Busted mended – James Bourne, Matt Willis and Charlie Simpson

James, guitarist and the main songwriter, admits he was pessimistic about the return of the band he had co-founded in Southend-on-Sea in 2000, adding: "I thought it was dead and buried when the band had been gone for five years.

"For me, there's a huge sense of

unfinished business," says bassist Matt. "I think I always thought in my heart we'd do Busted again."

The Wolverhampton gig extends the band's comeback Pigs Can Fly tour.

See www.wolverhampton-racecourse.co.uk for details.

Movie night at the castle

DUDLEY Castle will be the atmospheric backdrop for an outdoor screening of a classic black and white horror movie this summer.

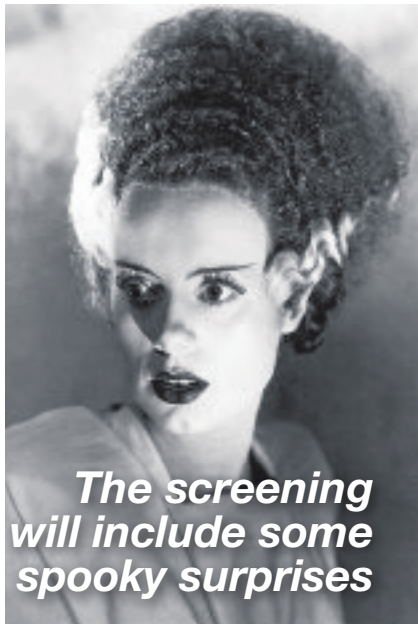
The Bride of Frankenstein, directed by Dudley-born Hollywood movie maker James Whale, will be screened on Saturday, August 6, at an event entitled Dudley Castle After Dark, as part of Birmingham-based Flatpack Film Festival's Black Country Pop-up Film Tour.

The 1935 movie stars Boris Karloff as the Monster and Elsa Lanchester in the dual role of Frankenstein author Mary Shelley and the Monster's mate.

The special screening will include some spooky surprises and the audience are invited to bring their own blanket or chair when the Black Country landmark is transformed into an open-air cinema.

Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions) for the 8pm screening. The film is a PG and runs for 75 minutes. Tickets available from flatpackfestival.org.uk/event/bride-of-frankenstein website.

Mr Whale, who died in 1957 aged 67, came from humble beginnings in Park Hill Street, Buffery Park, to become one of cinema's most influential directors. His work included such classics as Frankenstein and the Invisible Man in the 1930s. One of six children born to a blast furnaceman and a nurse, he attended Kate's Hill Board School, Bayliss Charity School and Dudley Blue Coat School. He began his career as an artist and actor before directing, first in the theatre and then for the silver screen.



The screening will include some spooky surprises

Psychedelic rock and boyband pop

PSYCHEDELIC outfit Moon Duo from America's West Coast bring their hazy fuzz rock to Kings Heath pub venue The Hare & Hounds on Friday with support from Birmingham's Victories At Sea. The venue's other room that night hosts Canadian art rockers Weaves with Brum garage rockers Table Scraps. On Saturday Ireland's hottest boy band Taken play the High Street venue, then US soul songstress Conya Doss plays on Wednesday. On Friday California's White Buffalo (AKA Jake Smith) is at Digbeth's O2 Institute. Scottish outfit The Lafontaines bring hip hop rock to The Rainbow in Digbeth on Sunday.

Super-sized panto with hint of Spice

THE World's Biggest Pantomime is set to dazzle this Christmas in Birmingham – and it's a real family affair for its biggest star.

Traditional panto Snow White will be 'super-sized' at the Barclaycard Arena with a cast of 100 performers and a 45ft-tall castle. The cast include former Spice Girl Mel B as the Scary Queen with her daughters Angel Murphy, nine, and Madison Belafonte, five, taking part.

The show, December 19-22, also features Take Me Out's Paddy McGuinness, Celebrity Big Brother winner Rylan and star dancers Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace.

Oh Mamma Mia! show is a big hit

SUNSHINE musical Mamma Mia! continues to pull in the crowds at Birmingham Hippodrome, where it runs until September 3. The combination of a Greek island setting, humour and romance with the music of ABBA has proven the perfect recipe for a blockbuster.

That's Entertainment, a show celebrating musical theatre, is at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre until Saturday with West End star Ruthie Henshall. On Sunday Motown tribute show How Sweet It Is visits the Alex for one night. Cult musical Rent is staged at The Old Rep on Station Street from Tuesday to Saturday, July 30

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Quentin Blake

The Marvellous World of Roald Dahl (BBC2, 8pm)

Documentary, making use of archived letters, writings and biographical material to tell the story of the life of Roald Dahl. From his time as a fighter pilot in the Second World War, through to his work as a spy and his encounters with Walt Disney and Theodore Roosevelt, the programme explores how Dahl's personal experiences may have informed the fantastical tales he would eventually publish, including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Matilda. Includes contributions by Dahl's last wife Liccy, his daughter Lucy and biographer Donald Sturrock. Long-term collaborator Quentin Blake also provides new animated illustrations based on the events of Dahl's life.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.45** Faster, Higher, Stronger: Katarina's Olympic Dream. A profile of Team GB heptathlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson. **1.15** Athletics: London Anniversary Games. Day one from the Olympic Stadium. **5.15** Film: Toy Story. (1995) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen.

6.30 BBC News.

6.40 Regional Programme.

6.50 The Getaway Car. Competitors from London, Oxford, Wales and Liverpool are among those taking to the course in South Africa to put their collaborative driving skills to the test.

7.40 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together and answer questions to win a reunion in a five-star location. Includes the weekend draw. Last in the series.

8.30 The Musketeers. Aramis and the Queen attempt to broker peace between France and Spain, but their efforts go disastrously awry when the villainous Grimaud kidnaps Aramis in a bid to seal an alliance with the influential Duke of Lorraine. Lucien's demands threaten to ruin Anne's reputation, and the Musketeers must find a way to rescue their comrade in arms while maintaining the Queen's virtue. However, D'Artagnan's family ties threaten to derail the mission. Meanwhile, the White Plague tightens its grip on King Louis, and as his health goes into a spectacular decline, a familiar foe returns to lay claim to Althos. Swashbuckling drama, starring Santiago Cabrera, Matthew McNulty, Alexandra Dowling and Tom Burke.

9.25 BBC News; Weather.

9.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Live. The comedy starring Brendan O'Carroll goes live for a special episode where anything could happen.

10.15 Peter Kay: 20 Years of Funny. A celebration of the comedian's two decades in the business; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.15 Film: The Wedding Video. (2012) Comedy, with Rufus Hound. **12.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.25 The Women's Football Show. (R) **6.55** Coast. (R) **7.45** Film: The Valley of Gwangi. (1969) **9.20** Taking Flight: Britain's America's Cup Challenge. **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers: Northern Exposure. (R) **1.00** Film: Day of the Evil Gun. (1968) Western, starring Glenn Ford. **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Full Steam Ahead. (R) **5.30** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.00 Newsnight Special: Life After Brexit.

6.50 Proms Extra 2016. New series. Katie Derham returns with the weekly magazine show, which serves as a companion to the BBC's signature classical music season. With music by Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

7.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring and his platoon are ordered to clear the area for a major army exercise – but encounter a problem in the shape of a steam engine blocking the path. (R)

8.00 The Marvellous World of Roald Dahl. Documentary telling the story of the life of Roald Dahl, with contributions by Dahl's wife Liccy, his daughter Lucy, biographer Donald Sturrock and illustrator Quentin Blake.

9.00 Keith Richards: The Origin of the Species. In a documentary directed by acclaimed film-maker Julien Temple, the Rolling Stones guitarist looks back at his formative years in the aftermath of the Second World War.

10.00 Ol XL. Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Aisling Bea, Tony Hawks and Alan Davies attempt to answer Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the topics of love and loveliness. (R)

10.45 Versailles. With Louis laid low by a major fever, those conspiring against him grow in strength and confidence. Meanwhile, Philippe is caught in the middle; (R) Inside Versailles.

11.45 Film: I Am Number Four. (2011) A teenager with special powers becomes a fugitive from aliens determined to hunt him down and destroy him. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ali Pettyfer and Timothy Olyphant.

1.25 Film: Far from Home. (1989) Thriller, starring Drew Barrymore. **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** Ninjabo: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** The Wine Show. **1.30** Big Boy Little Boy. (R) **2.00** Doc Martin. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Gold. Harry Hill narrates another selection of comical mishaps filmed by viewers. This week, a mechanic uses an airbag as a launch-pad. A moped selfie causes a nasty accident that results in a string of profanities, and a peck from a tropical bird make's Grandad's eyes water. Plus, a video detailing the dangers of wearing a monkey as a wig. (R)

7.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

7.45 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man. (2012) A gifted teenager investigates the secrets hidden in his dead parents's past, leading him to a mysterious corporation and an incident that imbues him with superhuman powers. A personal tragedy drives him to use his new-found abilities to fight crime, and he is soon drawn into a deadly battle against a former colleague of his father, who has undergone a devastating transformation of his own.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Inside Man. (2006) A negotiator deals with a hostage crisis at a bank, but a political fixer is sent to make sure secrets in the vault stay hidden. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscene.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Grid. **6.30** Gillette World Sport. **7.00** Tenerife Bluebird. **7.25** British Rally Championship. **7.50** Dare to Believe: George Hermitage. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** The Morning Line. **9.55** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Coverage from the Hungaroring. **11.25** The Superhumans Show. **11.55** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and York. **4.45** A Place in the Sun. **5.30** Channel 4 News. **5.55** Film: Grease. (1978) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

8.00 Alan Carr's Grease Night.

Broadcasting live from a 1950s-style high school prom, the presenter is joined by celebrity guests including comedian Katharine Ryan and Codi Conn (Frenchy) to celebrate the film. The programme features dancing, dating and audience surprises, and at the end of the night two lucky revellers will win the ultimate high-school accolade of being crowned prom king and queen.

10.00 Film: The Inbetweeners Movie. (2011) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil head to Greece for a wild holiday – but things do not go to plan. Comedy, with Joe Thomas, Simon Bird, James Buckley and Blake Harrison.

11.50 Dare to Believe: Jack Rutter. A profile of the captain of Great Britain's disability football team, who will attempt to lead his team to glory at Rio 2016. (R)

11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Part two of two. The chef continues his quest to transform the fortunes of the Burger Kitchen in Los Angeles, where owner Alan gets a wake-up call from internet critics. (R)

12.55 Film: Rec 3: Genesis. (2012) Horror sequel, starring Leticia Dolera. **2.20** Dare to Believe: Ali Jawad. A profile of powerlifter Ali Jawad. (R) **2.25** Holyoaks. Omnibus. Lisa decides to set up Zack and Holly, and later she and Sonia fight on The Dog patio. Meanwhile, Cleo and Nathan grow closer, and Kim collapses. (R) **4.25** French Collection. Three Brits aim to buy cheap and sell high after visiting a market in Arles, France. Last in the series. (R) **5.25** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. A couple's bedroom receives a makeover. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.00** The Saturday Show Live. **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Benefits: Can't Work, Won't Work. (R) **1.00** Benefits: 26 Kids & Claiming. (R) **2.00** Benefits: Yorkshire Dole. (R) **3.00** Benefit Beauty Queens. (R) **4.00** World's Strongest Man 2015. (R) **5.00** World's Strongest Man 2015. (R)

6.00 World's Strongest Man 2015. Action from the third heat of the competition, which took place in Malaysia. Reigning champion Zydrunas Savickas took part alongside two-time Britain's Strongest Man Laurence Shahlaei, veteran American Nick Best and former Russian marine Mikhail Shvilyakov. Presented by James Richardson, Charlie Webster and Terry Hollands, with commentary by Colin Bryce and Danny Wallace. (R)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day two of the Second Test in the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford. With commentary by Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.

8.00 NCIS. An NCIS Cyber case becomes a united global effort when evidence confirms that The Calling, an international terror group, has been recruiting vulnerable youngsters via the internet.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including another chance to see last night's eviction, revealing who became the latest unlucky housemate given just 30 seconds to say their goodbyes, and how their departure has affected the others. However, given that the remaining residents will probably all be in Tuesday night's final, it's doubtful that any of them will be too upset.

10.00 Film: The Expendables. (2010) A mercenary team is double-crossed while on a mission to kill a South American dictator. Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham and Jet Li. Includes 5 News at 11pm.

12.05 Sportscasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four **7.00** The Search for the Lost Manuscript: Julian of Norwich **8.00** Who Were the Greeks? **9.00** Beck: The Weak Link **10.30** Sinatra: All or Nothing at All **12.35** Gershwin's Summertime: The Song That Conquered the World **1.35** Sing's James Bond **2.35** Top of the Pops: 1962 **3.15** Close

ITV2

12.35 Catchphrase Celebrity Special **1.35** Ninja Warrior UK **2.35** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **4.20** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.15** Film: Liar Liar (1997) **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20** Film: Liar Liar (1997) **8.00** Film: Burlesque (2010) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** Film: Burlesque (2010) **10.25** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscene

ITV3

12.10 Agatha Christie's Marple **2.10** Film: The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** Film: The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **4.00** Film: Agatha (1979) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Agatha (1979) **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** The July 1. **1.00** City Lights **2.05** ITV3 Nightscene **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Tour de France Highlights **12.00** Tour de France Live. **4.30** Storage Wars: New York **4.55** Monster Carp **6.00** The Motorbike Show **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Film: A View to a Kill (1985) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: A View to a Kill (1985) **10.40** Film: Game of Death (2010) **11.40** FYI Daily **11.45** Film: Game of Death (2010) **12.45** Motorway Patrol **1.10** Tour de France Highlights **2.05** The Wine Show **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Melissa & Joey **1.30** Baby Daddy **2.30** New Girl **3.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Bad Teacher (2011) **10.50** Gogglebox **12.55** Rude Tube **2.55** 2 Broke Girls **3.40** How I Met Your Mother **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Picture Perfect (1997) **1.00** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **2.55** Fast Girls (2012) **4.40** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **6.45** The Three Musketeers (2011) **9.00** RoboCop (2014) **11.15** The Treatment (2014) **1.50** 21 & Over (2013) **3.45** Close

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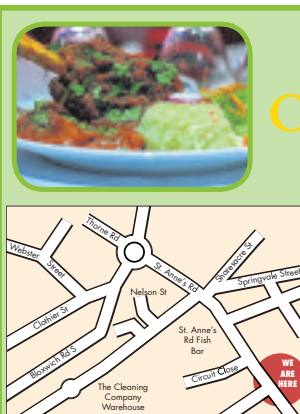


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Robot Wars (BBC2, 8pm)
New series. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon host the revival of the series in which radio-controlled robots created by teams of amateur engineers battle it out in an arena. The machines have to make it through an initial group stage, then head-to-head rounds before the heat final. The first show features students from Reading and a family team from Caithness, as well as a memorable robot from the original series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Annual Super Parents. (R) **4.00** Eat Well for Less? (R) **5.00** Liffeline. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.30** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** Countryfile. An episode from Cumbria marking Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday, in which Matt Baker visits the places that inspired her work and Naomi Wilkinson meets an artist who depicts inspirational women of the region. Helen Skelton visits a farm run using traditional methods and finds out about Lakeland wrestling. Adam Henson reports on the restoration of a landscape designed by Capability Brown, and Tom Heap investigates calls to ban the world's most common herbicide. **8.00** Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould visit a B&B in Aberdeenshire to pick up where the owner's late husband left off in proving that a painting is the work of 19th-century French artist Paul Delaroché. A visit to the British museum raises evidence that this could be a lost treasure once belonging to France's last king and queen, and they head for Normandy to inspect a stained glass window in the image of a lost Delaroché painting – but they also begin to suspect it is a copy, rather than the original. **9.00** The Secret Agent. Verloc leaves the city for Michaels' Kent cottage to prepare his bombing plot, taking Stevie with him. Back in London, the Professor prepares to take action against Inspector Heat. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Live at the Apollo. Sarah Millican introduces routines by comedians Steve Hughes and Russell Kane. (R) **11.15** Film: Dinner for Schmucks. (2010) An executive befriends a dim-witted amateur taxidermist in the hope of winning a contest to find the most ridiculous dinner-party guest. Comedy, with Steve Carell and Paul Rudd. **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **11.00** A Cook Abroad: Rachel Kho's Malaysia. (R) **12.00** Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) **12.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. With Helen Glover and Heather Stanning. **1.00** Hitchcock's Leading Actors: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.30** Film: Rear Window. (1954) Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. **2.30** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands. (R) **5.30** Clare Balding Meets. **6.00** Film: Real Steel. (2011) In the future, boxing matches between eight-foot robots are one of the world's biggest sporting draws. A washed-up human prizefighter finds an abandoned android and sets about restoring it to become a potential champion, a project that reunites him with his estranged 11-year-old son. Sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo and Evangeline Lilly. Edited for daytime broadcast. **8.00** Robot Wars. New series. Radio-controlled robots battle it out in an arena. **9.00** Dragons' Den. New series. Evan Davis presents the business ideas contest, with regular panellists Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Sarah Willingham, Touker Suleyman and Nick Jenkins returning to assess the profit-making potential of the contestants' grand plans. Among the entrepreneurial endeavours in this episode are ideas for miniature pencils, oversized beanbags and a machine for cleaning football boots. However, one contestant finds their hopes may be dashed by the revelation that their company is already heavily in debt. **10.00** Fixing Dad. Two brothers document their efforts to ensure their father adopts a healthier lifestyle, as he struggles with various conditions linked to diabetes that threaten his life. **11.00** Horizon: Sports Doping – Winning at Any Cost? Dr Xand van Tulleken investigates the world of performance enhancing drugs. (R) **12.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **12.55** Holby City. (R) **1.55** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sothy. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Live. Coverage from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** Anniversary Games Athletics 2016. **4.00** Dare to Believe: Jordanne Whiley. (R) **4.05** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **5.05** Film: Toy Story That Time Forgot. (2014) Premiere. Short animated comedy, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. **5.30** Film: Finding Nemo. (2003) Animated adventure, with the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres. **7.30** Channel 4 News. **8.00** Saddam Goes to Hollywood. Documentary telling the story of a disastrous movie bankrolled by Saddam Hussein in the 1980s, which was to tell the story of the founding of Iraq. War with Iran disrupted filming, while the movie's star, Oliver Reed, horrified the locals with his heavy drinking. Although the film was completed, the tapes were subsequently lost – only to be recovered years later. Cast and crew are reunited to watch never-before-seen rushes and behind the scenes footage. **9.00** Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. (2013) Premiere. An ordinary man seeks solace from his mundane life by drifting into daydreams where he is a heroic figure. When he and a friend are faced with unemployment, he is propelled into a globetrotting adventure in real life. Comedy drama based on James Thurber's short story, directed by and starring Ben Stiller. **11.05** Friday Night Dinner. Dad accidentally invites someone he hates to come round for dinner, and has to find a way to get rid of him. Fourth series of the sitcom, starring Paul Ritter. (R) **11.40** Dare to Believe: Hannah Cockcroft. A profile of the British wheelchair athlete, who holds the Paralympic and world records for both the 100m T34 and 200m T34 events. (R) **11.45** Formula 1 2016 Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. **12.45** Film: Escape from Alcatraz. (1979) **2.40** Born on the Same Day. (R) **3.35** Superfoods: The Real Story. (R) **4.00** Posh Pawn. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Shipping Wars. (R) **6.40** Shipping Wars. (R) **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** The King of Queens. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Dare to Believe: Natasha Baker. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Live. Coverage from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** Anniversary Games Athletics 2016. **4.00** Dare to Believe: Jordanne Whiley. (R) **4.05** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **5.05** Film: Toy Story That Time Forgot. (2014) Premiere. Short animated comedy, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. **5.30** Film: Finding Nemo. (2003) Animated adventure, with the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres. **7.30** Channel 4 News. **8.00** Saddam Goes to Hollywood. Documentary telling the story of a disastrous movie bankrolled by Saddam Hussein in the 1980s, which was to tell the story of the founding of Iraq. War with Iran disrupted filming, while the movie's star, Oliver Reed, horrified the locals with his heavy drinking. Although the film was completed, the tapes were subsequently lost – only to be recovered years later. Cast and crew are reunited to watch never-before-seen rushes and behind the scenes footage. **9.00** Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. (2013) Premiere. An ordinary man seeks solace from his mundane life by drifting into daydreams where he is a heroic figure. When he and a friend are faced with unemployment, he is propelled into a globetrotting adventure in real life. Comedy drama based on James Thurber's short story, directed by and starring Ben Stiller. **11.05** Friday Night Dinner. Dad accidentally invites someone he hates to come round for dinner, and has to find a way to get rid of him. Fourth series of the sitcom, starring Paul Ritter. (R) **11.40** Dare to Believe: Hannah Cockcroft. A profile of the British wheelchair athlete, who holds the Paralympic and world records for both the 100m T34 and 200m T34 events. (R) **11.45** Formula 1 2016 Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. **12.45** Film: Escape from Alcatraz. (1979) **2.40** Born on the Same Day. (R) **3.35** Superfoods: The Real Story. (R) **4.00** Posh Pawn. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Access. (R) **10.40** Now That's Funny! (R) **11.40** Now That's Funny! (R) **12.40** Film: RV: Runaway Vacation. (2006) **2.30** Film: Dennis the Menace Strikes Again. (1998) **4.00** World's Strongest Man 2015. (R) **5.00** World's Strongest Man 2015. (R) **6.00** World's Strongest Man Final 2015. Action from the Grand Final of the competition, which took place in Malaysia, as the 10 competitors who made it past the heats went head to head for the trophy. Last in the series. (R) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Second Test in the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford. **8.00** Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. Compilation of internet videos featuring dogs doing bizarre and humorous things. Narrated by Iain Lee, with contributors Dave Spikey, Matt Richardson and Zoe Lyons. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights as the remaining housemates start their final week under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother. **10.00** Lip Sync Battle US: Star Trek Special. LL Cool J and Chrissy Teigen invite Star Trek Beyond stars Zoe Saldana and Zachary Quinto to take part in a mime-off – with help from Cindy Crawford and T-Boz and Chili of TLC. (R) **11.00** 20 Moments That Shocked Pop. Countdown of significant performers, songs or occasions that impacted the genre, including 1985's global Live Aid event, which redefined how society donated to charity. (R) **12.30** Lip Sync Battle. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms 2016: A Child of Our Time **8.15** Playing Beethoven's Fifth **9.00** Classic Albums: The Beach Boys – Pet Sounds **10.00** Arena: 1966 – 50 Years Ago Today **11.00** Definitely Dusty **12.00** The Secret Life of Wavvies **1.00** Yellowstone 2 **2.00** Classic Albums: The Beach Boys – Pet Sounds **3.00** Arena: 1966 – 50 Years Ago Today **4.00** Close ITV2
12.50 Take Me Out **1.50** Catchphrase **2.30** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **4.20** Film: King Kong (2005) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** Film: King Kong (2005) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **6.55** FYI Daily **6.55** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **7.00** Family Guy **11.30** Bordertown **12.00** American Dad! **1.00** The Cleveland Show **2.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.55 A Touch of Frost **2.10** Film: Agatha (1979) **3.15** FYI Daily **3.20** Film: Agatha (1979) **4.10** Film: Blue Murder at St. Trinian's (1957) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Blue Murder at St. Trinian's (1957) **6.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **7.10** Doc Martin **8.00** The Boozie Cruise **10.10** Film: Steptoe and Son (1972) **11.10** FYI Daily **11.15** Film: Steptoe and Son (1972) **12.15** Wire in the Blood **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.45** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
11.00 The Motorbike Show **12.00** Tour de France Highlights **1.00** Tour de France Live: The final stage of this year's race. **7.00** The Wine Show **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00** Tour de France Highlights **10.00** Film: Unforgiven (1992) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: Unforgiven (1992) **12.40** Motorway Patrol **1.10** Tour de France Highlights **2.10** Hell on Wheels **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.30 The Goldbergs **2.30** Film: Gulliver's Travels (2010) **4.10** Ride (ish) Tube **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Tattoo Fixers **12.15** Rich Kids of Instagram **1.10** Containment **2.10** Gogglebox **3.05** Ride (ish) Tube
Film4
11.00 Sunshine on Leith (2013) **1.00** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) **2.50** Dunston Checks In (1996) **4.35** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **6.45** Ender's Game (2013) **9.00** Die Hard (1988) **11.40** The Others (2001) **1.45** Cedar Rapids (2011) **3.35** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Perfect Seduction, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Despite having left his girlfriend behind in New York City for a promotion in Portland, Brandon hopes that they can make things work long-distance. But his new co-worker Simone has other ideas and she impersonates both Brandon and his absent girlfriend in order to end their relationship. Thriller, starring Adrienne Frantz, Jon Cor and Ashley Leggat. (2015)

TUESDAY

A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Librarian sleuth Aurora Teagarden inherits a house when her friend unexpectedly dies and discovers her new home has a skull hidden in a window seat. She sets out to discover who the victim was, but finds herself thrown into a troubling murder mystery and a street full of suspicious neighbours. Mystery, starring Candace Cameron Bure, Peter Benson and Dave Collette. (2015)



The Nutty Professor, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY

The Reader, Channel 4, 1.35am
A teenager embarks on a brief but passionate affair with an older woman, who seeks solace from her misery in the stories he reads to her. Years later, while observing the Nazi war crimes trials, he encounters her again and learns she acted as an SS concentration camp guard during the Second World War. Drama, starring an Oscar-winning Kate Winslet alongside Ralph Fiennes, Jeanette Hain and David Kross. (2008)

FRIDAY

The Nutty Professor, ITV, 10.40pm
An obese, terminally shy professor invents a potion that transforms him into a slim, loud-mouthed charmer. His new streamlined self immediately sets out to woo the woman of his dreams – but soon starts to ride roughshod over everything he used to care about. Remake of the 1963 Jerry Lewis comedy, starring Eddie Murphy, James Coburn, Larry Miller, Jada Pinkett Smith, Dave Chappelle, John Ales, Patricia Wilson and Jamal Mixon. (1996)

Dawn has to rethink her whole future

Who was it that claimed there are no good roles for women over a certain age, and that females are under-represented in TV drama?

Clearly they haven't been watching British telly recently, where the likes of Happy Valley, Vera, Marcella and From Darkness, to name but a few, have garnered acclaim and great ratings in equal measure.

Brief Encounters, which started four weeks ago, can now be added to that impressive list.

Set in the drab surroundings of the unemployment-hit Sheffield of 1982, it charts the lives of a group of women as they attempt to spice up their existences and earn extra, much-needed money by hosting parties selling exotic lingerie and what are euphemistically described as 'marital aids'.

One of the few members of the cast who remember the period in which the series is set is Penelope Wilton who, in 1982, was appearing in Major Barbara at London's National Theatre.

"Major Barbara was directed by Peter Gill and was a wonderful play by

Shaw," says Wilton when asked for her memories of that era. "I was at the National for a long time.

"We didn't have social media but there were a lot of other things going on. No one was innocent after the war. I think it was a more informed time. I'm not entirely sure that more availability has made anyone any more informed – in fact, quite the contrary."

The Downton Abbey veteran plays Pauline, a housewife who loves her social-climbing husband Brian but is unfulfilled by her meek and mild role in life.

"She has been the stay-at-home wife without seemingly much going on in her life," explains Wilton. "She's quite a solitary person who seems to have a sadness about her. She meets other friends; they have coffee and attend the odd Rotary Club dinner or play Bridge. She feels there is nothing remarkable about her as a person. She has simply fitted in."

"Pauline lives this solitary life, but she comes to realise with the friends she has made through the parties that

she has a support, which she is very grateful for."

Pauline would have loved to have been a mother, and her relationship with Dawn gives her an opportunity to create a sort of surrogate family, which is one of the delights of the programme.

"Her relationship with Dawn, who she meets in the hairdresser's, becomes very important," reveals the actress. "Dawn needs a temporary home so Pauline takes her in and finds she really enjoys having these younger people in the house."

"It doesn't go down very well with her husband Brian who is used to having things in order and an ordered lifestyle. Then this new situation disrupts his world. But, of course, it gives Pauline a role to play and she finds that very invigorating and satisfying."

In this week's episode, she will no doubt have to offer Dawn a shoulder to cry on and a few well-chosen comforting words as her lodger learns that Russell is beginning to get cold feet about their wedding.



Sophie Rundle stars in Brief Encounters, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

Monday
Eden

Channel 4, 9pm

You may know the format by now: 23 men and women attempt to start a new society from scratch in the wilds of the Highlands. This second instalment follows the group as they attempt to organise their new world. Having moved into the camp, the participants must now get used to living with each other, which is easier for some than it is for others. With winter coming, Anton is spending more time building his cabin in the woods.

TUESDAY

**The Living and the Dead
BBC1, 9pm**

An engineer is spooked by a gruesome apparition on All Hallows Eve, and when he and his colleagues flee the scene, the railway company suspends all work. The village's residents pass the incident off as excessive nervousness on the part of city-folk unaccustomed to rural life, but when the hauntings start to take a lethal bent, even they concede there is 'something wrong' with their home. Blame turns to the Applebys, whose return co-incided with the supernatural influx, and an increasingly unhinged Nathan earns the ire of not only his own wife, but also Harriet's father.

WEDNESDAY

**The Three Day Nanny
Channel 4, 8pm**

Kathryn Mewes is back, and in the first of a new series she heads for Northamptonshire where the Scott family are at their wits' end. Two-year-old Freddie and three-year-old Bobbie pinch, punch, kick or bite anyone they meet, and parents Chris and Becky are desperate to stop them. It's obvious that things are going to have to change for the sake of their family, and their loved ones as this is some of the most extreme behaviour Kathryn has seen. She needs to give the couple a wake-up call, and as the first of her three days helping the family begins, she wastes little time teaching a new approach to managing their boys' attitudes.

**Long Lost Family
ITV, 9pm**

Fifty-year-old Deborah Ozturk has spent years longing to find her birth mother and thank her for the sacrifice she made when she gave her up as a baby. Meanwhile, 74-year-old Ray Jones from West Sussex realised as an adult that there was a void in his life, after he was separated from his mother and younger brother at the age of two.

However, during his search for his family the previous year, he accessed his case file and is now haunted by a missed opportunity. Presented by Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell.

THURSDAY

**Celebrity Big Brother: Live Launch
Channel 5, 9pm**

Just when you thought it was safe to turn Channel 5 back on, here comes yet another take on the BB format – this time featuring celebrities. Or does it? In recent years, viewers have been left scratching their heads by the identities of some of the 'famous faces' who've moved in. Hopefully, this time the majority of them will at least be familiar to the general public. As always, Emma Willis introduces each one as they enter, ready to have their every word and move recorded.



Celebrity Big Brother: Live Launch, Friday, Channel 5, 9pm

FRIDAY

**Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year
Channel 4, 8pm**

New series. From hundreds of entries received, just 32 have made it on to the judges' shortlist for 2016 – and only one will take the ultimate shed accolade. George Clarke begins his annual quest by turning his attentions to those sheds in the Unique and Historic categories. These include a shed that rotates 360 degrees to follow the sun and another that can hit the road. Also on display are a faithful replica of an Anglo Saxon longhouse and a Vietnam War bunker in Staffordshire.

**Celebrity MasterChef
BBC1, 8.30pm**

The remaining three competitors' penultimate challenge is the toughest and most daunting of the competition – the Chef's Table, hosted by Michelin star chef Atul Kochhar at Benares, where they must master new techniques and unfamiliar ingredients to impress some of the best chefs in the UK. Judging the food are Cyrus Todiwala, Alyn Williams, Sabrina Ghayour, Romy Gill and Ed Baines. Back at headquarters, the finalists are tasked to present a faultless three-course meal for John Torode and Gregg Wallace – their last chance to prove that they have what it takes to be crowned champion.

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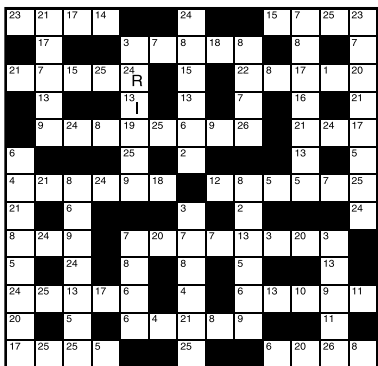
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Double Crossword

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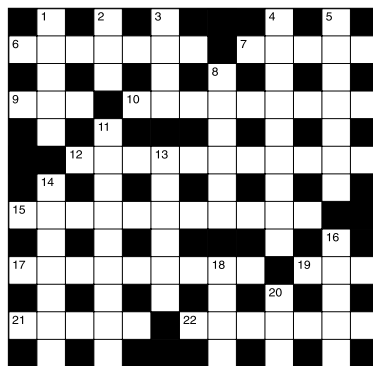
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Pretended to have a meal including mixed gin (7)
7. Open place where nations' delegates meet to drink? (5)
9. This farmyard feature will make an eyesore! (3)
10. Giving a service address (9)
12. To promote a greater number in addition (11)
15. See 3 Down.
17. What one may do to distort man's image? (9)
19. How many can be found in the department working? (3)
21. She changed her name from Alice (5)
22. Describing a belted dress not put to good use, we hear (7)

Down

1. See 16 Down.
2. I could be obsessed by this mania (3)
- 3 & 15 Ac. He is most likely to succeed (4-11)
4. Not settled about what to do next in chess? (2,3,4)
5. They forbid slogans carried by demonstrators (7)
8. Some money required for a gift (6)
11. Just the person to look after the sick girl (6)
13. Dealing successfully with a shrew (6)
14. Commendations to bring up in a postscript (7)
- 16 & 1 Dn. Confectionery or the dessert course before the lamb and pork etc. (10)
18. Clothing often changed by the driver (4)
20. Cleopatra's part will inevitably reveal it (3)



Quick Clues:

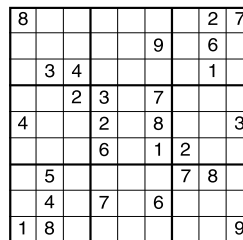
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6. Obtain (7)
7. Fumble (5)
9. Suitable (3)
10. Profitable (9)
12. Estimate (11)
15. Announcement (11)
17. Innumerable (9)
19. Assume (3)
21. Centre (5)
22. Skull (7)

Down

1. Pungent (5)
2. Flow (3)
3. Release (4)
4. Learning (9)
5. Promoter (7)
8. Knave (6)
11. Bravery (9)
13. Ring (6)
14. Get back (7)
16. Fashion (5)
18. Certain (4)
20. Conclude (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	9	3	1	4	6	2	8	5
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Beyond the pale; 8 Full stop; 9 Road; 10 Sapper; 12 Aslope; 14 Ascend; 16 Despot; 18 Etui; 20 Looked on; 22 Insignificant. Down: 1 Refusals; 2 Roll up; 3 Adit; 4 Whip-hand; 5 Spiral; 6 Plea; 11 Redolent; 13 Propound; 15 Elicit; 17 Sketch; 19 Tone; 21 Oafs. QUICK - Across: 7 Unpretentious; 8 Cardinal; 9 Tier; 10 Agreed; 12 Sprite; 14 Trowel; 16 Dreary; 18 Pen; 20 Velocity; 22 In short supply. Down: 1 Endanger; 2 Bridge; 3 Stun; 4 Enclosed; 5 Bitter; 6 Cure; 11 Delivery; 13 Throttle; 15 Weight; 17 Escape; 19 Erne; 21 Last.

Quiz

1. Which once widespread group of languages is divided into Brythonic and Goidelic groups?
2. Which band's first hit single was Seven Seas of Rhye?
3. Which king abdicated to marry Wallis Simpson?
4. Who wrote King Solomon's Mines in 1885?
5. Which gas was identified in the same year by both Priestley and Scheele?
6. On which Japanese city was the second atomic bomb dropped in 1945?
7. What is a leucocyte?
8. Which footballer received a fifteen-month worldwide ban after failing a drugs test at the 1994 World Cup?
9. Which bay separates Miami Beach from Miami?
10. Who won the 1995 US Masters at Augusta?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Klaus Barbie; 2 Jakarta; 3 Quod erat demonstrandum; 4 Cuckooflower; 5 Telstar; 6 Peruvian; 7 Charles I; 8 Lead; 9 Kolkata; 10 Fibrositis.
Niner: PRACTISED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1258 gives a servant,
23946 gives a middleman,
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Three-bedroomed semi has spacious accommodation

This three-bedroomed semi-detached family home in a popular location in Fordbrook Lane, Pelsall, has spacious accommodation and partial open views to the front.

Having a large lounge with a dining area, a large utility, a large bathroom and large driveway and with one of the bedrooms being extended, it is for sale through Paul Dubberley at £170,000.

With double glazing and gas central heating, the property is within walking distance of Pelsall Village, with its range of shopping and recreational facilities.

The front of the property is approached via the driveway, which has parking for numerous vehicles and access to the garage.

There is a side gate leading to the side utility entrance and rear garden. This has a feature stone patio area with steps up to a pleasant lawned garden.

In more detail, the entrance porch leads to the entrance hall. This has stairs off to the first floor and doors off to other rooms and a storage cupboard.

The lounge has a feature gas fireplace with a wood and marble surround, open plan access to the dining area and a window to the rear.

The dining area has a window to the rear and a serving hatch to the kitchen. This has a range of wall and base units with matching roll top working surfaces, tiled splash-backs, a stainless steep sink with a mixer tap, Linoleum flooring and a window and door to the side utility. Always useful, the utility has base units with a worktop, stainless steel sink, plumbing for a washing machine and doors giving access to the front and rear.

Upstairs the landing has a storage cupboard and doors off to the bedrooms.

The master bedroom has a large built-in wardrobe and overlooks the rear garden. Bedroom two overlooks the front. Bedroom three is a large and extended room with two windows to the rear and one window to the front.

The family bathroom again has windows tot he front. Its suite includes a low flush WC, wash hand basin, a bath, shower cubicle with an electric shower.

PELSALL £170,000



TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Paul Dubberley

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KEY FEATURES

3 good sized bedrooms

Large bathroom

Popular location

Large lounge/diner

Partial open views



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Detached home has a garden with building plot potential

WILLENHALL
£249,995 >>>

With building plot potential in the rear garden, this three-bedroom detached house in Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall lies on a generous corner plot.

In the popular Pool Hayes area of Willenhall, it is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at £249,995. It has an entrance hallway, a through lounge, a spacious kitchen/ diner, a ground floor WC, three double bedrooms, a family bathroom and a loft room, double glazing, gas central heating, a double garage, off road parking to the fore, a mature extensive rear garden with double gates allowing vehicular access to a generous paved yard.

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Very well-presented retirement flat

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£89,950

An exceptionally well presented one-bedroomed retirement flat, 11 Jerome Court, Langham Green, Streetly is pleasantly located on the ground floor with easy access to the communal laundry and lounge facilities.

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Spacious and stylish period-style end terrace

This spacious and stylish period-style end terrace in Pelsall Road, Brownhills, Walsall has been extended and is sympathetically refurbished throughout.

Beautifully presented throughout, it is for sale through Goodchilts at offers in excess of £170,000.

It has an extended breakfast kitchen, two reception rooms, a

BROWNHILLS, WALSALL
£170,000

Victorian-style luxury bathroom, three bedrooms, off road parking, a delightful rear garden, gas central heating (with a recent new boiler) and double glazing.

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£132,500

SQUIRES GROVE, WILLENHALL

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We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £125,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place.

SHORT HEATH



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HOWE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL

Two Bed Mid Town House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Veranda, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/G, C/H, Blocked Paved Driveway, Rear Garden.

HADLEY HEATH



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WILLENHALL



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WILLENHALL



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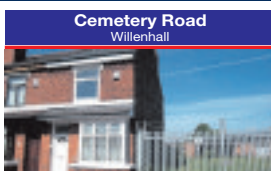
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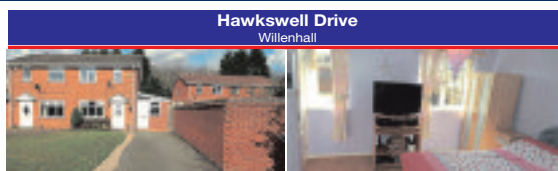
Three Bedroom Mid Terrace In Popular Residential Location. The Property Comprises Of: Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, Three Bedrooms And Upstairs W.C. Viewings Highly Advised. No Chain EPC D

OFFERS AROUND: £101,950



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OFFERS AROUND: £100,000



MOTIVATED SELLER STAR BUY Well Presented Two Bedroom Family Home On The Sought After "Hadley Heath" Estate. Benefitting From Double Glazing, The Property Comprises Of: Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, 30ft Conservatory To The Side, Two Bedrooms And Family Shower Room. The Property Also Benefits From Driveway, And Large Secluded Rear Garden. EPC - F

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000



4 Bedroom modern detached house in excellent condition within a short distance of Tettenhall village, entrance hallway, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, modern breakfast kitchen with integral appliances, conservatory, modern bathroom, driveway, car-port and garage, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating, call Paul Dubberley 01902 633323 to view. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £300,000



NEW PRICE

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL LOCATION. The apartment, Located Conveniently For Transport Links Including M6 Junction 10, Is Located On The First Floor Of This Modern Apartment Block, Which Benefits From Secure Electric Gated Parking And Briefly Comprises Of: Hallway, Lounge Leading Into Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, And Family Bathroom.

OFFERS AROUND: £70,000



SOLD

Benefitting From Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating, This Family Home Comprises Of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Rear Extended Sitting Room, Extended Kitchen/Diner, Downstairs Wet Room, Large Landing, Four Double Bedrooms, Fifth Single Bedroom, Part Finished Ensuite Shower Room And Family Bathroom. The Property Further Benefits From Integral Garage, Rear Garden And Driveway To Front.

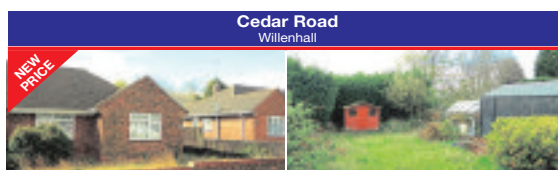
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OFFERS AROUND: £125,000



NEW PRICE

MOTIVATED SELLER TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW IN NEED OF MODERNISATION. Benefitting From Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating, The Property Comprises Of: Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. The Property Further Benefits From Driveway, Detached Single Garage And Private Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000



SOLD

This Well Presented Modern Top Floor Apartment, In A Highly Regarded Development, Located Perfectly For The M6 Motorway And Walsall Town Centre. Benefitting From UPVC Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating, The Apartment Comprises Of: Hall, Lounge With Pull Out Doors, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. This Apartment Further Benefits From Allocated Parking And Communal Gardens!

OFFERS AROUND: £72,500



SOLD

GREAT SIZE NO CHAIN Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow In The Popular Stroud Park Location, With Excellent Transport Links And Local Amenities.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000



New build 3 bedroom end terrace entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, downstairs wc, en-suite to main bedroom, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating.

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OFFERS AROUND: £165,000



Select small development of 3 detached new build bungalows. Property Is Tucked Away Off A Quiet Residential Street And Comprises Of: Entrance Hall, Lounge With Kitchen Area, Two bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom, double glazing and central heating, garden and driveway, call 01902 633323 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000



NEW

VIEWING ADVISED, 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House with no upward chain, rear garage and parking, entrance hall with downstairs toilet, lounge, Kitchen diner, shower room, double glazed (where specified) and warm air heating.

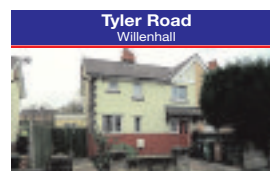
OFFERS AROUND: £119,950



NEW PRICE

No upward chain on this 2 bedroom detached bungalow, entrance porch and hallway, 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/diner, shower room, central heating and double glazing (where specified) driveway providing off road parking and rear garden, call now to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000



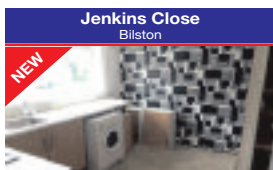
FANTASTIC Three/Four Bedroom Family Home In Willenhall! Paul Dubberley Are Pleased To Present This Conveniently Located Extended Property Which Benefits From Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Downstairs Bedroom/Reception With Ensuite Wet Room, Three Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. The Property Further Benefits From Driveway, Rear Gardens And No Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000



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OFFERS AROUND: £125,000



NEW

3 Bedroom duplex apartment over 3 floors, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, storage room, double glazing, no upward chain, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £89,500



NEW PRICE

IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE OR INVESTMENT Modern 1 bedroom property, modern breakfast kitchen, lounge, modern bathroom, double glazed, cul-de-sac location, no upward chain, call Paul Dubberley now for details 01902 494966

OFFERS AROUND: £78,000



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OFFERS AROUND: £120,000



NEW

Modern Detached Offering Large Family Accommodation with the benefit of gas central heating. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising: Reception hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Study Room, Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Double Garage and good Size Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £249,995



An Immaculate Detached Residence on the popular Bridgetfields Estate, Gas Central Heating, UPVC Double Glazing & No Upward Chain. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway & Garage.

ASKING PRICE OF £164,950



3 Bedroom end terrace house with no upward chain, block paved driveway, entrance lobby, lounge/diner, kitchen, side passage, bathroom, rear garden, double glazing and central heating, call now to view. Please note we hold a mining report.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950



3 bedroom terraced property, modern kitchen and modern bathroom with a P-shaped bath and thermostatic shower, 2 reception rooms, double glazing and central heating, garden to rear, call now 01902 494966 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000



NEW

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OFFERS AROUND: £57,950



Middle Terrace Residence in a popular location within walking distance to town centre. UPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Guest WC, Three Bedrooms, The Fitted Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £80,000



SOLD

STTC - Properties urgently required in the area! The property which is in need of refurbishment briefly comprises, 3 bedroom semi detached house, entrance porch and hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room, double glazing, front and rear gardens, no upward chain. 01902 494966

OFFERS AROUND: £80,000



SOLD

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OFFERS AROUND: £70,000



SOLD

This Semi Detached home which has the benefit of a brand new Kitchen and Bathroom briefly comprises, Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage and rear Garden.

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Thurstone Road, Bloxwich

- Superb Detached Family Home
- No Upward Chain
- Rewired in 2008
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- Garage
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor WC

£220,000

REDUCED

Stoney Lane, Bloxwich

- Superb Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Elegant Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room & Sauna
- Garage & Ample Driveway
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Desirable Location just off Stafford Road

£500,000

No Chain

Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £141,995

Jesson Close, Walsall

- No Chain
- Secure Gated Development
- Delightful Communal Grounds
- Share Of The Freehold
- Allocated Parking Space
- Garage
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms

£135,000

Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Traditional Detached Property
- Fully Refurbished
- Off Road Parking
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Superb Rear Garden
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

Offers in the Region Of £160,000

No Chain

Park Road, Bloxwich

- Built in 2008
- Achieving £600 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Second Floor Apartment
- Largest Apartment in Block
- Other Apartments Available
- Viewing Essential

£115,000

No Chain

Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £114,995

NEW

Rochester Croft, Reedswood

- No Chain
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden
- Set in the Corner of a Cul-de-Sac
- Easy access to the M6
- Close to Reedswood Retail Park
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

Offers in Excess of £115,000

NEW

Lancaster Place, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Popular Location
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Fitted Kitchen/Utility
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£100,000

REDUCED

Mellish Road, Walsall

- No Chain
- Desirable Location
- Extended Lease (967 yrs remaining)
- Garage en-bloc
- Communal Parking & Gardens
- Close to Walsall Town Centre
- Excellent Transport Links
- Ideal Buy-To-Let

£80,000

Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley

- Sought After Location
- Off Road Parking
- Porch
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Overlooks Fields
- NO CHAIN
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£99,950

No Chain

Church Place, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Kitchen & Living Area
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- White Bathroom Suite
- Ample Storage
- Allocated Parking

Offers in Excess of £80,000

No Chain

Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Popular Location
- Ideal First Purchase
- Suitable Buy-to-Let
- Viewing Essential!

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- Two Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £179,000

Newhome Way, Bloxwich

- Superb Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC

Offers in Excess of £170,000

NEW

Wallington Heath, Bloxwich

- Period Style Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge with Spiral Staircase
- Fitted Galley Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Luxurious Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Highly Desirable Location
- No Chain

£169,950

Lord Street, Palfrey

- No Upward Chain
- Queen Mary's & Blue Coat Schools Nearby
- Several Primary Schools locally
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£165,000

No Chain

Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £130,995

NEW

Chestnut Road, Bloxwich

- Superb Corner Plot
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Family Room with Log Burner
- Conservatory
- Utility Room & Shower Room
- Ample Driveway
- Low Maintenance Garden
- NO CHAIN

£130,000

Wallington Heath, Bloxwich

- Period Style Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge with Spiral Staircase
- Fitted Galley Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Luxurious Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Highly Desirable Location
- No Chain

£169,950

Epping Close, Bloxwich

- Three Bedrooms
- Contemporary Bathroom
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Private Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Easy Access to Walsall Town

£130,000

No Chain

Park Road, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Currently Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking

£107,500

Chestnut Road, Bloxwich

- Superb Corner Plot
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Family Room with Log Burner
- Conservatory
- Utility Room & Shower Room
- Ample Driveway
- Low Maintenance Garden
- NO CHAIN

£130,000

REDUCED

Mackay Road, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Well Regarded Location
- Porch
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Some Modernisation Required
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

£105,000

No Chain

Park Road, Bloxwich

- Built in 2008
- Currently Achieving £5940 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Other Apartments Available
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential

£107,500

No Chain

Field Road, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Modernised Period Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Bathroom & Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating (A-Rated Boiler)
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £90,000

NEW

West Street, Bloxwich

- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Lounge
- Ground Floor WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom with Shower Cubicle
- Well Presented Throughout
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£99,950

Mackay Road, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Well Regarded Location
- Porch
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Some Modernisation Required
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

£105,000

REDUCED

Green Lane, Walsall

- No Chain
- Located Close to all Amenities
- 0.4 Miles from Walsall Train Station
- Communal Parking
- Communal Gardens
- Secure Intercom Entrance
- Lift to Upper Floors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Balcony with Views Across Walsall Town
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £57,500

No Chain

Marsh Street, Walsall

- Studio Apartment in Walsall Town Centre
- Separate Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Balcony with Canal Views
- Close to all amenities
- Available with Sitting Tenant

£79,950

West Street, Bloxwich

- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Lounge
- Ground Floor WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom with Shower Cubicle
- Well Presented Throughout
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£99,950

No Chain

Cecil Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Secure Intercom Access
- Private Entrance Door
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
- Gated Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £70,000

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- No Chain
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- 0.4 Miles from Walsall Train Station
- Communal Parking
- Communal Gardens
- Secure Intercom Entrance
- Lift to Upper Floors
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NEW

HOLLINWELL CLOSE, BLOXWICH

- SUPERB MODERN DETACHED PROPERTY
- POPULAR TURNBERRY RD LOCATION
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- UTILITY ROOM AND GUEST CLOAKROOM
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING ESSENTIAL



£254,950 offers



NEW

SIMMONDS ROAD, BLOXWICH

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- POPULAR LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



£169,950 offers



NEW PRICE

HARVEST GROVE, BLOXWICH

- SUPERB MODERN FOUR BEDROOM PROPERTY
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN WITH OVEN & HOB
- FAMILY BATHROOM AND EN-SUITE SHOWER
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL



£259,000 offers



NEW

FARMDALE GROVE, BLOXWICH

- EX SHOW HOME FOUR BEDROOM PROPERTY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- REAR LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- SUPERB UPVC CONSERVATORY
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- DETACHED GARAGE



£224,950 Offers



FIELD CLOSE, PELSALL WALSALL

- HEATED SWIMMING POOL
- DETACHED GARAGE
- TWO/THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING



NEW

- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- DETACHED GARAGE
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£275,000 Offers



ABINGDON ROAD, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS



NEW

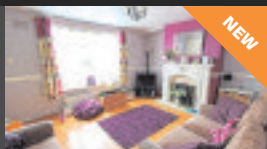
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£109,950 Offers



ABBOTTS STREET, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



NEW

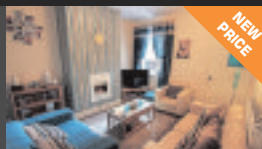
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

£99,950



CLARENDON STREET, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- SUPERB VICTORIAN STYLE TERRACE
- CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH RAILWAY STATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS



NEW PRICE

- GARDEN TO THE REAR
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£110,000



EAGLEWORKS DRIVE WALSALL

- GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



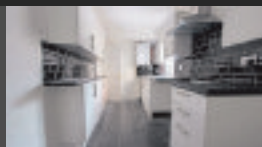
- LOUNGE AND KITCHEN
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£45,000 OFFERS 50% CO OWNERSHIP



BLAKENALL LANE, LEAMORE WALSALL

- CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TERRACE
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM



- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GARDEN AT REAR
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£110,000 Offers



MILLFIELD AVENUE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- SPACIOUS IMPROVED 2ND FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM



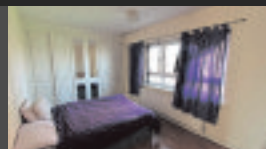
- BRAND NEW FITTED CARPETS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Guide Price £67,500



BURROWES STREET WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



- CONVENIENT FOR WALSALL TOWN CENTRE
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- LOUNGE AND KITCHEN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Guide Price £55,000



CHURCH VIEW CLOSE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- 50% CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTY
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR SHOWER ROOM



- OFF ROAD PARKING
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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- FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM



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- SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



- CONVENIENT FOR WALSALL TOWN CENTRE
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COPPICE FARM HEBDEN GROVE

- Well Appointed Extended Detached Residence
- Hall, Guests Wc
- Three Reception Rooms, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen



- Four Excellent Bedrooms, Study
- Bathroom, En-suite Shower Room, Garage
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Driveway, Gardens

OFFERS OVER £270,000



WILLENHALL LAKELOT CLOSE

- An Impressive 4 Bed Recently Built Detached
- Hall, Guests Wc
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Excellent Breakfast Kitchen



- Family Bathroom
- En-suite
- Garage & Driveway
- Gardens

Offers Over £210,000



SUMMER HAYES FARBROOK WAY

- Spacious Extended Link Detached
- Prime Location
- Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen
- Impressive Large Conservatory



- Three Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £190,000



SUMMER HAYES PERTH ROAD

- Link Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing



- Gas Central Heating System
- Car Port, Driveway
- Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£185,000



- Deceptively Spacious Edwardian Detached
- Hall, Cellar, Two Large Reception Rooms
- Impressive Dining Kitchen
- Shower Room • Bathroom



- Three Bedrooms & Study
- Rear Gardens
- Shared Driveway
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing

£179,950



SUMMER HAYES STIRLING CRESCENT

- Link Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Lounge
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms



- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Pleasant Gardens
- Majority Double Glazing
- Driveway, Early Viewing Recommended

£175,000



WILLENHALL FURZEBANK WAY

- Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Lounge, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory, Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas CH, Car Port
- Gardens
- Driveway, No Chain

£170,000



- Greatly Improved Detached
- Highly Sought After Estate
- Hall, Lounge
- Superb Re-fitted Dining Kitchen



- Three Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom
- Pleasant Gardens, Detached Garage
- Driveway, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£165,000



NEW INVENTION BRAMBLE CLOSE

- Occupying An Excellent Corner Plot (Ideal For Further Extension Opp) An Extended Modern Semi Detached
- Hall, Superb Lounge



- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Garage, Driveway

£159,950



WILLENHALL UPLANDS ROAD

- Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen • Wc
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Driveway, Pleasant Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£125,000



- Greatly Improved End Terrace Property
- Hall, Lounge / Dining Room
- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility



- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Front & Rear Gardens

£120,000



WILLENHALL LOWBRIDGE CLOSE

- OPEN DAY SAT 16TH JUL 1PM - 3PM
- Improved 3 Bedrooms Mid Terrace
- Hall, 20ft Lounge
- Spacious Dining Kitchen



- Re-fitted Bathroom, Separate Wc
- Block Paved Driveway, Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing

£115,000



WILLENHALL CIPSY LANE

- Spacious Traditional 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen



- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Long Rear Gardens

OFFERS OVER £105,000



- Beautifully Presented 2 Bedrooms End Terrace
- Hall, Guests Wc
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens
- Garage To The Rear

£104,995



WILLENHALL WILLENHALL ROAD

- Beautifully Appointed Period Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen, Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms



- Shared Driveway Leading To Off Road Parking To The Rear
- Long Rear Gardens, Gas CH
- Double Glazing, No Chain

£104,950



WILLENHALL VILLIERS STREET

- Impeccably Appointed And Beautifully Presented Mid Terrace Bungalow
- Lounge, Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Excellent Double Bedrooms



- Superb Re-fitted Shower Room
- Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £100,000



- Modern Style Semi Detached In Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom



- Garage, Driveway
- Pleasant Front And Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing, No Upward Chain

£100,000 CASH OFFERS ONLY



SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- Period Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen



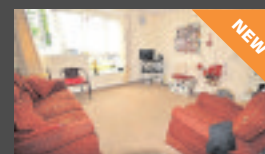
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Pleasant Rear Gardens

STARTING BID £75,000 PLUS FEES



NEW INVENTION BROOKHILL CLOSE

- Spacious Ground Floor Flat
- Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Bedroom, Bathroom
- Double Glazing



- Gas Central Heating System
- Communal Gardens
- Communal Parking
- No Upward Chain

£60,000

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LOT 1

**Queslett Road
Great Barr**

23rd July at 11:45am




Mid terraced property situated in a popular residential area with the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing ideal for an investor. Work required but good opportunity for buy to let or resale. Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.3m x 3.5m, Dining Room 2.9m x 2.8m, Kitchen 2.9m x 2.5m max First Floor Bedroom One 3.66m x 3.2m, Bedroom Two 3.4m x 3.2m, Bedroom Three 2.7m x 2.3m, Wet Room and Separate W.C. Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

●Guide Price **£79,000 PLUS**

LOT 2

**Leamore Lane
Walsall**

22nd July at 12:30pm



In need of modernisation this traditionally styled semi detached property is conveniently located and would make an ideal buy for an investor. Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, 4.1m x 4m, Kitchen, 2.2m x 2.4m, Bathroom, W.C First Floor Bedroom One 5.2m x 3m max, Bedroom Two 3.4m x 2.4m, Bedroom Three 2.6m x 2.4m Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

●Guide Price **£50,000 PLUS**

LOT 3

**Victoria Avenue
Bloxwich**

22nd July at 12pm



In need of full modernisation and improvement this property requires cash offers and represents a challenge. Conveniently located close to Bloxwich town centre and comprises: Ground Floor Lounge 5m x 4m, Kitchen 5m x 2.18m Range of out buildings/ lean to covering a large area of sum 5m x 6m First Floor Bed One 3m x 3.2m, Bedroom Two 3.4m x 2.4m, Bedroom Three 2.6m x 2.4m Outside Fore and rear gardens

●Guide Price **£32,000 PLUS**

LOT 4

**Mulberry Road
Bloxwich**

22nd July at 11:30am



This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area a short walk from Bloxwich train station. Ground Floor Front door leads to Lounge (4.2m x 4m), Kitchen with access to garden (3.4m x 2.6m), Reception Room (3.3m x 2.6m), First Floor Bedroom One with window to front (3.3m x 3.2m), Bedroom Two (3.4m x 2.6m), Bedroom Three (2.6m x 2.4m), Bathroom (1.9m x 1.5m) Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

●Guide Price **£79,000 PLUS**

LOT 5

**Leigh Road
Walsall**

23rd July at 11am




This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation. The property is located in a popular residential area and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to lounge with bay window to front (3.5m x 3.4m), Rear reception room (4.5m x 3.5m), Kitchen (3.6m x 2.8m), Garage (12m x 3.4m) First Floor Bedroom one with bay window to front (4.3m x 3.5m), Bedroom two (3.6m x 3.5m), Bedroom three (2.7m x 2.4m), Bathroom (2.2m x 1.8m)

●Guide Price **£139,000 PLUS**

LOT 6

**Fairfax Road
Birmingham**

By appointment through auctioneers



This one bedroom semi detached bungalow is situated in a popular residential area and has been well maintained. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Lounge with bay window (5m into bay x 3.5m), Kitchen (3.4m x 3.3m), Bedroom (3.4m x 3.1m), Shower Room (2.4m x 2.1m)

●Guide Price **£70,000 PLUS**

LOT 7

**Spinney Close
Pelsall**

23rd July at 10am



This three bedroom detached property is in need of modernisation. It is situated in a popular residential area a short walk from a primary school and Pelsall Common. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to kitchen with window to front (3.9m x 2.4m), Dining Room (5.4m x 3.5m), Lounge with sliding doors which provide access to the rear garden and W.C which provides access to a double garage. First Floor Bedroom One with window to front (4.5m x 2.8m), Bedroom two with window to rear (4.2m x 2.8m), Bedroom Three with window to rear (4m x 3.2m), Shower Room (4m x 3.2m) Outside Fore Garden with Driveway and Rear Garden

●Guide Price **£145,000 PLUS**

LOT 8

**School Lane
Pelsall**

22nd July at 11am



Conveniently located in a popular spot close to Pelsall village, purchasers are advised to check the Coal Mining Report. Ideal buy to let opportunity the property comprises Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 3.7m x 3.6m, Dining Room, 3.7m max x 3.6m, Kitchen, 2.6m x 1.8m, Lean to 2.2m x 2.1m, W.C First Floor Bedroom One 3.7m x 2.8m, Bedroom Two, 3.3m x 2.8m, Bedroom Three 2.8m x 2m Outside Fore garden, shared driveway, Rear gardens

●Guide Price **£72,000 PLUS**

LOT 9

**Whitehorse Road
Brownhills**

22nd July at 10:30am



A semi detached property situated just off the A5 in a popular location ideal for investor. With double glazing the property does require some improvements. Set back behind driveway the property comprises Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.2m x 4.2m, Kitchen, 3.5m x 2.88m, Bathroom with access to W.C. Brick outbuilding First Floor Bedroom One 5.2m x 3.19m, Bedroom Two 4m x 2.5m, Bedroom Three 2.6m x 2.9m Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

●Guide Price **£73,000 PLUS**

LOT 10

**Church Road
Smethwick**

22nd July at 3pm



A traditionally styled mid terraced property with gas heating and double glazing situated in a popular residential area making an ideal investment opportunity. The property comprises Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room 3.3 x 3.5, Lobby with access to Cellar Lounge, 4 x 3.5 Fitted Kitchen with Worcester gas combination boiler, rear Lobby to Bathroom with matching white suite First Floor Bedroom One (front), 4.75m x 3.5m, Bedroom Two (rear) 3.8m x 3.6m, Bedroom Three (rear) 3.6m x 2.1m Outside Property is set back behind small foregarden and has a shared entry to. Rear yard and garden

●Guide Price **£70,000 PLUS**

LOT 11

**Westminster Road
Rushall**

23rd July at 10:30am



An extremely well maintained and attractively appointed detached bungalow offering spacious living accommodation and demanding internal inspection. Having gas central heating and UPVC double glazing the accommodation briefly includes: Accommodation Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge 4.21m x 3.51m, excellent Dining Kitchen, Bedroom One 3.96m x 3.32m, Bedroom Two 3.65m x 3.35m, Bedroom Three 3.36m x 3.31m, Bathroom 2.1m x 2.05m with Separate Shower Cubicle, Outside Private Rear Garden, Large Garage and wide Frontage with Pervious Parking.

●Guide Price **£150,000 PLUS**

LOT 13

**Allen Close
Great Barr**

Sat 23rd July at midday



Situated for utmost convenience this spacious first floor maisonette is in need of some modernisation and enhancement whilst being well placed for local shops and amenities at Hamstead village. Also having easy access to public transport with both bus and rail links into Birmingham city centre available close by. Boasting a spacious front living room the property offers a generous fitted kitchen (with rear balcony) and white bathroom complemented further by a good size bedroom. Benefitting from central heating and double glazing this property represents an outstanding opportunity for first time buyers or investors to purchase at an affordable price range within such a popular residential location.

●Guide Price **£45,000 - £50,000**

LOT 15

**Broad Meadow
Walsall**

23rd July at 12:30pm



This two bedroom semi detached dorma bungalow is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front porch leads to Lounge (4.5m x 3.1m), Reception Room (3.3m x 2.7m), Kitchen (3.6m x 2.7m), First Floor Bedroom one with window to front (4.4m x 3m), Bedroom two (3.6m x 3.1m) Outside At the rear of the property there is a garden

●Guide Price **£95,000 PLUS**

LOT 17

**Bickley Road
Rushall**

23rd July at 1.00 pm



Situated in a popular residential area, this traditionally styled semi detached property is mainly double glazed and benefits from gas fired central heating. In need of some improvement, the property offers well planned spacious extended living accommodation and comprises:- Ground Floor Reception Hall, L-shaped Lounge/Dining Room with feature fireplace and double glazed patio doors to rear garden. Extended Kitchen with fitted oven and hob, fridge, door leads to side entry off which is a w.c. and Outhouse and Lean to First Floor Landing, Bedroom On (front), Bedroom Two (rear), Bedroom Three (rear) with Glowworm gas central heating boiler, Shower Room with tiled cubicle, vanity unit and low level w.c.

●Guide Price **£80,000 PLUS**

LOT 18

**Hednesford Road
Brownhills**

22nd July at 10am



A two bedroom property situated in a convenient location close to all amenities including Brownhills centre along with M6 Toll and local schools. Offering mostly UPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating the property includes Ground Floor Lounge/Dining Room 8.48m x 3.65m, Lobby Area Guest W.C., Inner Hallway, Dining Kitchen 1.1m x 3.84m & 1.6m with range of wall and base units, gas hob, extractor and electric oven, Large Sitting Room 3.86m x 3.91m, First Floor Bedroom One 3.66m x 3.66m, Bedroom Two 3.76m x 2.51m, Re-fitted and part tiled Bathroom with matching white suite

●Guide Price **£95,000 PLUS**

LOT 19

**Prince Street
Walsall Wood**

By appointment through Auctioneers



Conveniently located close to the centre of Walsall Wood in a desirable residential area, this semi detached property has gas fired central heating and double glazing. Set on a corner plot. Leasehold: 99 years from 1970. Ground Rent £30.00 Per Annum

●Guide Price **£80,000 PLUS**

LOT 20

**Wenlock Road
Aston**

27th July at 11am



In need of modernisation this traditionally styled end terraced property is located in a popular owner occupier or buy to let area and offers tremendous scope for improvement. Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall with stairs off, Lounge 4m x 3.4m, Dining Room 4.2m x 3.77m, Kitchen, 2m x 3.4m, Lobby, Bathroom First Floor Bedroom One (front), 4.8m x 3.4m, Bedroom Two (rear) 3.7m x 3.8m, Bedroom Three (rear) 3.3m x 2.2m Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

●Guide Price **£75,000 PLUS**

LOT 21

**Manor Drive
Shareshill**

28th July at 3pm



Occupying a delightful location with open aspect to front in the rural Staffordshire village of Shareshill, this semi detached property has gas central heating and some double glazing but it in need of further modernisation and improvement. Ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer of investor, the property comprises:- Ground Floor Enclosed porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen with Worcester gas fired central heating boiler, Utility Room with access to Garage, outside and W.C. First Floor Landing, Bedroom One (rear), Bedroom Two (front), Bedroom Three (front, Bedroom Three with matching suite.

●Guide Price **£125,000 PLUS**

LOT 22

**Chalcot Grove
Birmingham**

Sat 23rd July at 11.00 am



Situated in a desirable residential cul-de-sac within Handsworth Wood this spacious detached property is in need of total modernisation and Ripe for Renovation. Entered through a porch and reception hallway while boasting two inter-connecting reception rooms with a fitted leading out to an enclosed side passageway, so as to complete the ground floor. The upstairs consisting of three well proportioned bedrooms accompanied by a generous size bathroom. Outside the property maintains a good size rear garden, enjoying a pleasant open outlook with front off-road parking/driveway, side garage and fore garden to complement.

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Classic van and pickup show

The popular Classic Van and Pickup Show returns for a third year to the British Motor Museum on Sunday, August 7.

The show, which is dedicated to light commercial vehicles including pickups, ice-cream vans, campers, taxis, hearses and police cars, will also incorporate the 10th year of the Transit Van Clubs annual Rally which takes place on August 6 and 7.

Around 600 vehicles including those from The Transit Van Club, The Post Office Vehicle Club and the Classic

Hearse Register are expected to take part. These vehicles will appear alongside the Morris J Type Register and the Morris Commercial Club. All classic light commercial vehicles including custom street vans are welcome, no matter what the make or their condition.

The Transit Van Club Rally will take place over the weekend and will feature seminars/videos with talks given by Peter Lee on the Saturday. The main van display day for the Transit Van Club and Transit driving challenges will take place on the Sunday alongside the Classic Van and Pick Up Show.

Tom Caren, show manager for the British Motor Museum said: "This is a must see show for all lovers of van, pickups and other light commercial vehicles which are often overlooked at other shows. This unique show puts van's and pick-ups into the spotlight for a change."

Tickets for the show and rally: £14 for adults, £9 for children and £39 for a family. Discounted tickets are available in advance online.

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New Black Edition SV for Nissan Qashqai

Nissan is introducing the stylish new 'Black Edition' to the Qashqai line-up. A new flagship specification for the range, the Black Edition is the first special version of Qashqai available since the model was launched in 2013. Offered in a limited production run, the Black Edition is on sale now and priced from £27,310 on-the-road.

Based on the generously equipped Tekna grade, Black Edition enhancements include 19" Black Ibis-cus alloy wheels, Pearl Black metallic paint, front and rear styling plates and 'Black Edition' badged door entry guards.

The model also gains the sleek Panoramic Roof with one-touch shade, making it the only Qashqai with a glass roof as standard – typically a £400 option on Tekna models.

Nissan's suite of advanced safety and driver assist systems – collectively known as Nissan Safety Shield – are included on the car as standard. These include lane departure warning, high beam assist, traffic sign recognition, forward emergency braking, blind spot warning, moving object detection and driver attention alert.

Additional specification includes full black leather upholstery, intelligent park assist, bi-LED headlights and the state-of-the-art NissanConnect infotainment system. Based around an integrated seven-inch high-resolution touchscreen, it includes DAB digital radio and satellite navigation. Nissan's pioneering 360° Around View Monitor – to help with low-speed manoeuvres – is also fitted as standard.

The Qashqai Black Edition is powered by the frugal yet refined dCi 110 6-speed manual 2WD, which delivers 70.6mpg combined fuel economy and CO2 emissions of just 103g/km.

Kieran McMenamin, section manager for Qashqai at Nissan Motors GB Ltd., commented: "Top-grade Tekna versions represent around one in three Qashqai purchases and recent reveals like the Qashqai Premium Concept identify a desire and demand for Qashqai to extend towards the higher end of the segment.

"As a new flagship for the range, the Black Edition is the definitive statement for Qashqai – luxury styling and generous specification but maintaining an accessible price point. In fact, at just £450 more than the equivalent Tekna, the model represents around £1200 in savings compared with individual Option prices on Tekna models."

The multi-award-winning Qashqai's impressive quality, styling and innovative technologies continue to make it the best-selling crossover in Europe. Since production began in 2013, a new Qashqai has been built every 62 seconds, or 58 per hour, at the plant in Sunderland, UK. In September 2015 the Nissan Qashqai became the fastest ever UK-built vehicle to smash the half million production mark.

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World first with three electrified powertrains

By James Parker

Hyundai Motor UK has announced the pricing and specification of IONIQ, the world's first car to offer three electrified powertrains. IONIQ will go on sale in the UK in October.

Prices will start from £19,995 for the IONIQ Hybrid SE 1.6 GDI, which includes standard features such as 15" alloy wheels, DAB with Bluetooth, Cruise Control and Rear Parking Sensors with Rear View Camera. Standard safety features include Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB), Lane Keep Assist System (LKAS) and individual Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS).

IONIQ Hybrid Premium 1.6 GDI, from £21,795, provides additional equipment over the SE, including keyless entry with push button start, heated front seats, heated steering wheel, Bi-Xenon headlamps with LED rear combination lamps and a driver's supervision instrument cluster with 7" LCD display.

Integrated satellite navigation with TomTom Live services, an Infinity audio system with Android Auto / Apple CarPlay and Wireless Phone Charging (where supported) also feature as standard.

From £23,595, IONIQ Hybrid Premium SE 1.6 GDI models benefit from enhanced comfort equipment such as leather seats with heated/ventilated front seats and heated outer rear seats, heated leather steering wheel and a driver power seat with Integrated Memory System. Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Front Parking Assist and optional 17" alloy wheels round off this range topping trim.

Colours

IONIQ Hybrid is available in seven different exterior colours: Phantom Black, Polar White, Platinum Silver, Iron Grey, Demitasse Brown, Marina Blue and Phoenix Orange. The lava stone interior trim features blue accents throughout the cabin and control surfaces.

IONIQ Electric prices start from £28,995 for the Premium specification, mirroring Hybrid Premium, with specific equipment including Automatic Windscreen Wipers with Rain Sensor, 16" alloy wheels, LED headlamps and rear combination lamps and Advanced Smart Cruise Control. Integrated satellite navigation is standard across the IONIQ Electric range.

IONIQ Electric Premium SE, available from £30,795 again mirrors Hybrid Premium SE specification, with standard equipment such as leather seats with heated/ventilated front and heated rear seats, heated leather steering wheel and a driver power seat with Integrated Memory System, Blind Spot Detection, front Parking Sensors and EV specific 16" alloy wheels.

IONIQ Electric is expected to receive eligibility for the Plug-in Car Grant, enabling customers to potentially receive a £4,500 grant towards the purchase of the vehicle.

All IONIQ Electric feature standard rapid charge compatibility, ensuring an 80 per cent charge capability in just 33 minutes from a 50kW CCS Combo Rapid public charger, whilst a standard ICCB Charging Cable will allow charging from a domestic three pin supply. IONIQ Electric also features adjustable regenerative braking, via steering column mounted paddles, maximising driver engagement and enhancing efficiency.

Network

IONIQ Hybrid will be available across the Hyundai dealership network from October 13, with IONIQ Electric initially available from a selected network of 27 dealerships, with full network rollout from 2017.

All IONIQ models come with Hyundai's industry-leading 5 Year Unlimited Mileage Warranty package, with the additional high voltage battery cover of 8 years / 125,000 miles.

IONIQ Plug-In Hybrid 1.6 GDI prices and specifications will be announced prior to the on sale date in 2017.

Tony Whitehorn, President and CEO Hyundai Motor UK said: "The all-new Hyundai IONIQ is the world's first car offering three electrified powertrains and it will make low-to-zero-emission mobility more accessible to more people. Hyundai's innovative approach delivers an uncompromising design and driving experience, the latest connectivity and safety features with an enhanced industry-leading warranty package.

"It is also an important milestone in our sustainability strategy, bringing innovative technologies to the market and extending the company's product range of low-to-zero emission vehicles, which already includes the world's first mass-produced fuel-cell electric vehicle, the ix35 Fuel Cell."

Hyundai Motor UK has also announced that POD Point will be the preferred charging partner for customer domestic charge point installations, as well as points across the Hyundai UK dealer network and Hyundai Motor UK facilities.



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The charge of the electric vehicle galloping ahead

By James Parker

Sales of electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles are about to take off, and the AA predicts that more than 500,000 of these alternatively-powered cars will be on UK roads by 2020.

The AA believes that dispelling the myths surrounding the costs associated with running these sorts of vehicles could help increase these estimates significantly.

To aid this process, the AA has partnered with Chargemaster, the UK's leading electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure provider, to provide support and access to a growing network of UK charge points.

Revolution

AA president, Edmund King, said: "We think that the EV revolution is about to take off and we want to help consumers understand the benefits of low-cost, low-emission driving and to show them it is accessible and affordable.

"Per mile driven, an EV is five times cheaper than the average petrol car and carries no vehicle excise duty."

The partnership will provide EV owners with a range of benefits including home charging units, and access to thousands of charging points at preferential rates.

The organisations will also begin expanding the number of domestic and public charging points around the country.

Chargemaster is currently installing 40 of its latest 50kW Ultrachargers in London – which are capable of charging an EV in less than 30 minutes – quadrupling the number of charge points within the M25 in the process.



AA research reveals there are a number of barriers and misconceptions surrounding EV ownership, such as their high purchase price, durability of battery and the availability of public charge points.

David Martell, Chargemaster CEO, points out that availability of charging points at a destination is a significant barrier to EV ownership, a concern that worried 81 per cent of AA respondents.

"We want to change that perception. This new relationship with the AA will see hundreds more AA branded charging points installed," he said.

"They'll go in at AA-rated hotels and other accessible public places such as supermarkets, public car parks and town centres, while we will be embarking on a public awareness campaign to show that charging a vehicle at home is neither difficult or costly."

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Facelifted Volvo V40 ticks all the boxes

By Ian Donaldson

IMAGINE the product planning team at Volvo HQ in Sweden when the best-selling V40 range came up for discussion.

Introduced in 2012, it had been on sale long enough for a mid-term facelift – the sort of modest budget update that keeps the car on a potential purchaser's radar.

You could make an industry-wide tick list, such is the degree of similarity among the carmakers of the world. It might go like this for the Volvo:

- New lights and radiator grille (biggest visual change without messing about expensively with the bodywork). **TICK.**
- New paint colours (five of them; four of those different blues). **TICK.**
- New designs of alloy wheel. Eight of those. **TICK.**
- New interior trim (with the choice of a woven look from a motor show one-off). **TICK.**
- New level of connectivity (allowing your mobile phone to talk to the car). **TICK.**

Volvo then deviated a bit from the updating bible with a simplified and newly names series of trim levels, introduced a new petrol engine to the V40 Cross Country range and fettled the already low emissions diesel Drive-E engine.

That now produces a fine 89g/km – down from 94g/km – and qualifies for more modest company car tax (18 per cent).

Comfortably more than one in three of all the new Volvos sold in the UK has a V40 badge, so its continuing success is vital to the company's bottom line.

Sales

So the fact that by far the biggest slice of V40 sales go not to the cheapest grade (now called Momentum) or the next up the line (Inscription) but to the trim level called R-Design, which brings a bit of a butch look with different grille, twin exhaust pipes and cosmetic rear diffuser (very F1), along with 17ins alloys, sporty seats, wheel, pedals and floor mats (!), along with an illuminated gear knob.

The R-Design cars will take an estimated 42 per cent of sales and start at £22,345 for a T2 petrol engine (1969cc and 120bhp) although the most popular power unit across the entire V40 range is going to be the D2 diesel, that appeals in spades to company car users (thank its ultra low 89g/km emissions for that).

Second biggest seller will be entry-level Momentum cars, starting at £20,255 with the T2 petrol engine on board, but at a predicted 16 per cent of sales, they will be a long way behind their dearer R-Design siblings.

Volvo and safety go together like egg and chips and for years the V40 was the safest car ever rated by the European crash test group.

Volvo gives a little smile when it says it now ranks only second – to another Volvo (the newer and much bigger XC90).

Safety

So this latest V40 continues to come as standard with brakes that put themselves on at up to 31mph if the driver ignores a potential crash ahead and the world's first pedestrian airbag, that explodes from the rear of the bonnet to cushion the blow in an accident.

The latest V40 has updates to its Volvo On Call system that makes it compatible with Windows 10 and lets smartphone users remotely lock and unlock the doors, find the car on a map (or supermarket car park) and flash the lights and sound the horn – yes, that's my car over there.

Out in a new Momentum grade V40 with the D2 diesel engine, just dropping into the car back instantly the feel of a modern Volvo; from firm and shapely contours of the seats to no-nonsense graphics on the instrument panel and a solidly sensible approach to the business of getting about in comfort and safety.

The on-paper performance of this D2 1969cc 118bhp diesel (118mph and 0-62mph in 10.5 seconds) looks modest but the car pulls cleanly and quietly from almost any speed and would gobble up motorway miles.

As ever, the official fuel consumption figure is highly optimistic (better than 84mpg) but the 52.9mpg recorded on the test drive was probably a bit on the pessimistic side.

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Coach Richie Carter puts Ryan Cotterell through his paces



George Murrin has been at the club for more than 40 years



Bobby Speed, aged 12, and Lewis Morris, 14, during a sparring session



Richie Carter with club trustees Gary Bate and Nick Griffiths

Young boxing hopefuls get Carter treatment

RICHIE Carter has joined forces with Wolverhampton Boxing Club in a move that will double the fight factory's numbers.

He's returning to his roots at their Willenhall Road site after starring as a youngster at national level himself as an unpaid fighter.

Hailing from nearby East Park, Carter represented the now-defunct Bilston outfit that his late father Alan ran and claimed a full national title in the 1987 junior ABA competition.

He then boxed for England before turning pro at middleweight, featuring another 12 times with 10 wins and just one loss before hanging up his gloves in 1992.

He returned to the sport 20 years later to form his own club, Richie Carter's Golden Gloves, which was based in Essington before moving to Wolverhampton.

A fire that gutted the Bushbury Weights and Fitness Centre, where they were tenants, in May left him and his members homeless.

Impetus

Now 45, Carter is hoping to bring further impetus to a new-look regime, with his fighters set to double the carded combatants ahead of the new season.

The coaching staff will also multiply, with Wolverhampton BC – the oldest club in the city having celebrated its 80th birthday – looking to get busy again after a period of mourning.

Former president, secretary and treasurer John Thomas passed away last September. The 77-year-old had served for 40 years and was regarded as their front of house.

His memory lives on, as does the heritage of the club. Apart from Wolves, it is the only organisation permitted to use the City of Wolverhampton crest.

SPORTING MEMORIES

By Craig Birch

"This was an easy choice and something to get excited about. It's a challenge for me."

Carter, who has become a successful businessman and a married father-of-two since calling time on fighting, feels proud to be given the opportunity to help lead the club into the future.

He said: "To be honest, I felt like jacking it all in when our gym burned down. My lads have had to train all over the shop.

"Me and the trustees at Wolverhampton got in touch through mutual friends. We had a meeting and it's all gone on from there.

"This was an easy choice and something to get excited about. It's a challenge for me. This is one of the oldest boxing establishments going.

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"I'm Wolverhampton through and through, everyone knows me around here and I hope I'll get a good

response from the local people. I loved 'Tommo', as we all did. I remember even when I was a pro he used to help me out and give me the keys to the gym so I could train during the day.

"Myself, the people who are already there and those who are coming with me all bring something to the table. I expect an extra 10 per cent from everyone now."

Carter will transfer his 10 carded fighters over to his new allegiance, with plans to add more of his prospects as they are cleared in the autumn. Wolverhampton are looking to add a double-figure number themselves.

One of Carter's right-hand men, Gary Sands, is joining him with his younger brother David expected to help out. Tony Evans and Wayne Clenton will do likewise, after taking a course.

Clearance

Dennis Stephenson, Graham McFayden, George Murrin and Marcus Ashman – who doubles up as matchmaker – are already on the coaching staff, with Lee Goldcott also awaiting clearance.

Gary Bate and Nick Griffiths are fully qualified but have been serving in behind-the-scenes roles, as temporary secretary and treasurer respectively, after George Langford left through ill-health.

Carter will get down to business on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The juniors are put through their paces from 6pm to 7pm, before the seniors train until 8.30pm. Ashman runs the same set-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays, around sparring on Wednesday evenings with other clubs.

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Coach Richie keeps a close eye on Jack Carter and Ryan Cotterell



Richie Carter with Louis Reddall, Bobby Speed, Ricky Jackson, Jack Carter, Ryan Cotterell and Lewis Morris



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Aug 27	Halesowen Town	H
Aug 29	Coalville Town	A
Sep 10	Spennymoor Town	H
Sep 21	Corby Town	A
Sep 24	Ashton United	A
Sep 27	Barwell	H
Oct 01	Stafford Rangers	A
Oct 04	Ilkeston	H
Oct 08	Hednesford Town	H
Oct 11	Nantwich Town	A
Oct 15	Matlock Town	A
Oct 18	Warrington Town	H
Oct 22	Frickley United	H
Nov 01	Ilkeston	A
Nov 05	Skelsmersdale Utd	H
Nov 09	Sutton Coldfield	A
Nov 26	Buxton	A
Dec 03	Whitby Town	H
Dec 10	Blyth Spartans	H
Dec 17	Skelsmersdale Utd	A
Dec 24	Mickleover Sports	H
Dec 26	Stourbridge	A
Jan 02	Coalville Town	H
Jan 07	Workington	A
Jan 14	Stafford Rangers	H
Jan 21	Hednesford Town	A
Jan 28	Nantwich Town	H
Feb 04	Warrington Town	A
Feb 11	Matlock Town	H
Feb 18	Frickley Athletic	A
Feb 25	Ashton United	H
Mar 04	Barwell	A
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Apr 22	Marine	A
	Grantham Town	A
	Stourbridge	H
	Halesowen Town	A

Pulling ahead of the opposition

A GROUP of strong men and women in Staffordshire have been pulling together to achieve national success.

Last Chance Saloon, aka LCS, are competing in The Tug of War Federation of Great Britain National League.

They train every week adjacent to the Brickmakers Arms in Walsall Wood and their home venue is Burntwood Rugby Club.

Shaun Jose, who takes charge of the team and is also vice-chairman of the federation, said: "I have been involved in tug of war since the early to mid 70s. My dad was in a team at the Brickies, which is where we are based now."

"We started a team there in the mid 80s, carried on until the early 90s and then we were short on numbers so it stopped. Then it was over to a team in Burton-on-Trent for a couple of years and then I started a team again in 98."

"We ran until 2003 or 2004 then joined the same team again in Burton and we were very successful there, representing the country and trav-



Heave - Last Chance Saloon compete

elling the world. About four years ago, I broke away from the team and took 11 with me to form LCS. It really is the Last Chance Saloon. When it's done, it's done."

The 14-strong squad occupies second position in the National League after four legs of the season. In their last home fixture, they were up

against Olney A and B from Milton Keynes, Shires from Warwickshire and Triple F from Newport Pagnall. With teams consisting of six pullers, they faced each other in five different weight classes, namely 450kg, 465kg with three men and three women competing, 480kg, 525kg and catchweight.

The pullers are weighed beforehand and will have the weight groups stamped on their leg.

Overall

Each weight class is run as a points competition, with three points for a first place finish, two for second and one for third.

Across the five classes, LCS had two first-place finishes and three second-places, giving them 13 points in total and making them overall winners.

LCS train every Tuesday from 7.30pm adjacent to the Brickmakers Arms on Salters Road, Walsall Wood.

To get involved, call Shaun on 07974 058140 or search LCS - Tug of War Club on Facebook.

Gloves off for Paddock in tilt at title

BLOXWICH fighter Luke Paddock admits this weekend's showdown with Anthony Upton is the biggest test of his career to date.

The super lightweight challenges his Ricky Hatton-trained opponent for the vacant English Super Lightweight title at Chase Leisure Centre, Stafford Road, Cannock on Sunday.

The pair's record and styles are almost identical. Each has just one loss to their name and are both seen as boxing stylists. They collide at Chase Leisure Centre on a joint Black Country Boxing and Hatton Promotions bill with Paddock expecting a tough encounter.

"This is the biggest test for me," Paddock said. "Training is going well but it's got to be because Anthony is a good kid. He's a similar fighter to me; he's very stylish and likes to use his boxing skills to break opponents down."

"I've got to focus on what I'm doing in the gym. The English title is a massive belt. Imagine bringing that back to Bloxwich? It's what dreams are made of."

The winner will have to make a first defence against Joe Hughes, who has been given the mandatory position for the crown due to him being forced to relinquish in the aftermath of his WBO Intercontinental title defeat to Jack Catterall.

Fellow Ricky Hatton-trained fighters, Wednesbury welterweight, Sam Evans, and Market Harborough super welterweight, Reuben Arrowsmith, also feature alongside Derby's Sahib Singh Mann who is set to make his debut.

Swadlincote super middleweight, Zach Parker, Burton featherweight, Leon Gower, and Newark super middleweight, Chad Sugden, complete the card.

Doors open at 12.30pm. Tickets are £30, and £60 ringside and available on 01543 504 065.

Sporting Ladies on hunt for a keeper

WOLVERHAMPTON Sporting Community Ladies are back in training with the first team squad almost complete - but they're still looking for a goalkeeper.

As well as the open age ladies first team, Wolverhampton SC are looking to put together an open age development squad and an under-15 side. The home ground is at West Walsall E-ACT Academy, Primley Lane, Walsall.

Interested players should contact Brian Simpson on 07817 785690, Paul Harrison on 07837 109131 or via www.pitchero.wolvessportingcfc

The club is looking for a sponsor for both kit and tracksuits.

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Come in no 9 - Jackson snapped up

WALSALL have snapped up striker Simon Jackson on a two-year deal.

The 29-year-old, who has won 47 caps for Canada, joins on a free transfer after leaving Blackburn Rovers at the end of last season. He will wear Walsall's number nine shirt - left vacant by Tom Bradshaw following his move to Barnsley.

Jackson forged a reputation as a prolific goalscorer early in his career with Rushden & Diamonds and Gillingham.

He then joined Norwich in the summer of 2010 for £600,000 and scored 21 goals in 85 appearances for the Canaries.

Since then, Jackson has had spells at Millwall, Coventry and Barnsley.

But he has struggled for goals in recent years, scoring just six in his last 60 appearances. Now he is aiming to get back to score sheet regularly after being impressed by boss Jon Whitney.

"I've had a look around place and I get a really good vibe so it feels great to have signed," the striker said. "I want to play as many games as I can, score goals and cause defenders problems."

Bradshaw, who scored 40 goals in 86 games for the Saddlers, hopes his move to the Championship - for a fee believed to be around £650,000, will improve his prospects of playing for Wals.

Bradshaw has signed a three-year deal at Oakwell. Former club Shrewsbury will benefit by 20 per cent of the transfer fee.

A LEADING football academy run by former Walsall favourite Martin O'Connor has a new home after teaming up with a Cannock school.

The Martin O'Connor Education & Football Academy, which runs in partnership with Chasetown FC, is moving from The Scholars Ground to Norton Canes High School.

Launched last year, the academy aims to develop players for Chasetown's first team, while also providing them with the qualifications needed to have successful careers in sport and business.

Run similar to youth set-ups at professional clubs, players train in the morning before heading into the classroom in the afternoon.

Develop

But such has been its rapid growth over the past 12 months, O'Connor required a new home that would provide first-class facilities both in sporting terms and academically.

"The academy has done fantastically well in its first year," he said. "Football wise we finished third in the Football Conference Youth Alliance. But we need to develop and improve our facilities and standards. I want us to progress."

"The partnership with Norton Canes High School - which is a really progressive school - fits fantastically well."

"When I spoke to the headteacher, I realised the school has the same aims and targets as what I have for my academy. So we came to a decision that it would benefit both parties if we joined forces."

O'Connor, now aged 48, said: "Of the courses we ran last season, 32 lads passed and we have



Martin O'Connor with, from left, Maureen Sneud, Jeanette Evans, Sara Birchall, Les Bullock, Gary Belcher and Beryl Hall at Norton Canes High

one result pending. We believe we will have a 100 per cent pass rate. The GCSE results come out in August and we expect to do well there."

"The attendance is 95 per cent so, for me, it's a really great thing to be a part of. We are football academy but it's not about football. It's education that drives us."

O'Connor believes teaming up with the school

will be hugely beneficial for his young players. "We will still be playing under Chasetown in the FAYA," he said. "But we need better facilities and Norton Canes offers us better facilities."

Headteacher Sara Birchall said: "The academy is going to be fully integrated into the school so we are going to benefit from their expertise and professional coaching with Martin."



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